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The CNMI's recovering tourism industry faces a new setback that could cost millions of dollars in revenue loss, this time from Asiana Airlines' seven-day suspension of flights between Incheon and Saipan as ordered by the South Korean government last week over safety rules violation in April. Korea is a major CNMI tourism market.

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## 'We shouldn't endure a war again'

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Japanese World War II veteran Ideguchi Yoshio, 88, looked on after sharing his views and memories of the war, while reporters turned to his fellow veteran from the other side of the battlefield 70 years ago, 88-year-old American Robert A. Burke.

With nothing but praise and respect for each other today, Yoshio and Burke sat beside each other yesterday on the same tiny Pacific island they tried to defend when they were still 18 to 19 years old, at yesterday's commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

Saipan was thrust into the global spot-

### US, Japanese soldiers meet again 70 years later on Saipan

light once again yesterday on the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the June 15 to July 9, 1944, Battle of Saipan, a part of the Pacific campaign of World War II.

Throughout the years, many of those who fought on Saipan and Tinian had passed on or are now in their twilight years, but Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday the CNMI is happy to welcome back those who were able to join the commemoration ceremonies.

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JAYSON CAMACHO

World War II veterans are honored in an official ceremony as part of the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian at the American Memorial Park on June 15. Seen in the photo are veterans Carl Mathews, second from left, Raymond Russel Kelly, third from left, and Howard Johnson, fourth from left, attending the ceremony.

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# Local

## Rota official, CHC staff arrested for ‘ice’ trafficking

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An official at Rota's Department of Finance and a staff of the Commonwealth Health Center were arrested Friday for alleged trafficking methamphetamine or “ice” on Rota.

Tilford S. Toves, Rota Finance's Procurement and Supply acting administrator, was arrested at the Rota International Airport, while CHC administrative staff Berlinda C. Flawau was apprehended at CHC. Both were arrested for trafficking of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

At their initial hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$50,000 cash bail each for their temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 17 at 1:30pm.

The two's arrest came about after police discovered, through a confidential source, that Flawau sent a package that contained 20 baggies of “ice” from Saipan to Toves on Rota last Wednesday, June 11.

A field test showed that the seized items were presumptive positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The total street value of the seized “ice” was \$1,000, police said.

Frances B. Manglona, Rota's Commonwealth Bureau of Investigations officer-in-charge, stated in his report that a reliable source told him on May 28 that Toves would use his office at Finance to conduct “ice” transactions with users.

Manglona said Toves would sell “ice” for \$50 to \$80 per Ziploc baggy. He would allegedly drive a gov-

ernment vehicle toward the back side of the Rota Mayor's Office, where there is a backdoor leading directly into the Finance's office.

Toves would at times allegedly conduct drug transactions inside the office.

Whenever Toves receives his packages from Saipan, he would allegedly distributing “ice” in the villages of Sinapalo and Songsong.

Manglona disclosed that on Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30pm, a police sergeant received information from a confidential source regarding a package possibly containing “ice” that had

just arrived from Saipan via the Star Marianas flight. The package was destined for Toves.

Manglona said the confidential source revealed that while still on Saipan at 3:19pm that same Wednesday, Toves called the confidential source and asked if he/she could handcarry a package for him to Rota.

The confidential source asked what's the content of the package and Toves replied in Chamorro that it's “ice.” The confidential source refused to be involved in an “ice” deal so he/she hung up the phone.

Manglona said the confidential source was a passenger of

the same flight along with two other individuals.

While the plane bound for Rota taxied out onto the runway on Saipan, a passenger (witness) next to the confidential source asked if he/she knew Toves.

The confidential source asked why he was asking about Toves, and the passenger replied that he was handcarrying a package given to him by Flawau and intended for Toves.

The confidential source told the passenger that it contained

“ice.” Upon hearing that, the passenger's friend, who was holding the package, immediately handed the package to the passenger.

### » Official allegedly did drug transactions at Finance's office

When the passenger checked the package, he looked confused and expressed his desire to abandon the package inside the aircraft.

The confidential source told the passenger to hold on to the package as he would make phone calls as they arrive on Rota.

At 6:30pm, the confidential

source called the police sergeant and informed him about the package.

As the police were not yet at the airport and Toves was already there asking for the package, the confidential source took the package and drove away with it.

Toves yelled at the confidential source but the confidential source managed to turn over the package to the police.

The passenger told police that prior to leaving Saipan for Rota, Flawau approached him at the Saipan commuter airport and asked him to handcarry a

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## Bill eyed to exclude CUC from CPUC's oversight

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The chairman of the House Committee on Public Transportation and Communications, Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, disclosed plans to offer legislation that would exclude the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from the oversight of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

To do this, Public Law 15-35 will need to be amended.

This law was enacted in 2006 mandating the CPUC to regulate electric, water, wastewater, telecommunications, and cable television companies in the CNMI.

Deleon Guerrero said the reinstatement of the CUC governing board gives it the ultimate power to have full oversight on CUC matters, including setting up rates and others.

Under the current setup, CUC can only adjust its rates if approved by the CPUC.

“For me, it's a clear duplica-

tion of responsibility. So I am looking at maybe repealing the PUC Act and remove CUC from the commission's regulatory oversight. As a governing body, the CUC board can decide if there's a need for rate increases and other purpose,” explained the lawmaker.

Keeping CUC under CPUC's oversight not only duplicates functions of the utilities board but would also continue to cost ratepayers, he said.

Under the law, an entity like CUC shoulders all expenses in any rate petition it files with the CPUC. These expenditures include, among others, fees assessed by CPUC consultants, hearing examiner, and related expenses.

While this desired change in the CPUC Act has yet to happen, Deleon Guerrero believes that the utilities commission should stop tapping the services of its consultant and hearing examiner. The hiring of consultants for CPUC as well as fees it assesses is authorized

That is why trainings and workshops for CPUC members are encouraged and required, he added.

Based on CUC records CPUC's current consultant, Georgetown Consulting Services, was paid over \$1.626 million since it started reviewing CUC's rate cases from 2009 to 2014.

“There are trainings and workshops set up for PUC members to redefine and recertify their potentials. In my opinion, they should do the assessment [of rate cases] because they meet the prerequisite to become commission members,” he said.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A police officer escorts Rota Finance's Procurement and Supply acting administrator Tilford S. Toves to the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho for an initial hearing on Friday afternoon. Toves and Commonwealth Health Center administrative staff Berlinda C. Flawau were arrested that day on charges of trafficking and possession of methamphetamine or “ice.”

**T**he Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament returns this month with a new name. The **1st Annual Swimming Festival in Managaha** (6th Flipper Race) will be held on June 28, 2014.

The MVA is inviting all swimmers and snorkelers to discover the underwater wonders of Managaha with a 1.5K course around the island. This unique race requires swimmers to must use wetsuits or life jacket and fins along with mask and snorkels.

Ferries will depart Smiling Cove Marina to Managaha promptly at 4:45 a.m. the morning of the race. The race will begin at 6:30 a.m., followed by an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The cost is \$25 for Northern Mariana Is. residents with valid I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 27, 2014, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. during the orientation at the **American Memorial Park amphitheater** on Saipan. Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

The event is jointly organized by the MVA and the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan.

For more information or to register, visit the MVA Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) or call Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210.



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## Guam corp. agrees to pay \$220,493 to resolve suit

A Guam corporation has agreed to pay \$220,493.44 to its CNMI subcontractor to resolve their legal dispute in federal court.

Vector Works Corp., a Guam corporation, also known as Vector Works Design & Build-

ers Inc., and Vector Works sole shareholder and director Kazuhiko Ishizeki have agreed to a judgment in the amount of \$220,493.44, including \$1,000 in attorney's fees and court costs, in favor of GPPC Inc.

## WAR

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"We shouldn't endure a war again," Ideguchi told *Saipan Tribune* at the ceremony yesterday.

Ideguchi, who first arrived on Saipan in 1944 as a teenager, is among the last Japanese to have been caught by American forces. He lived in the jungles long after the Battle of Saipan had been won and long after Captain Oba had surrendered.

"I saw so many of my friends, fellow Japanese killed in the war," he said, with the help of another Japanese translating his words.

In another interview as he was about to leave the ceremony grounds, Ideguchi was almost in tears as he remembers seeing and hearing his fellow Japanese soldiers saying "Okaasan" or "mother" before committing suicide.

Since the war, he's visited Saipan over 30 times. He's hoping that this won't be his last time to visit the island where thousands of Japanese and American soldiers, along with civilians of different nationalities, perished during the war.

Burke, for his part, said he's thrilled to be invited to come back to Saipan 70 years after the war.

"I'm just real happy with the way things turned out—full of victory and peace and love for everybody. This just proves that the world can get along, so I love it," he said.

Burke first came to Saipan in April 1945. During World War II, he was a U.S. Navy combat photographer, generator mechanic, and electrician.

Burke's son, James Robert Burke, 60, currently oversees the Kagman High School JROTC and has been a longtime resident of Saipan.

The younger Burke said he didn't know his father fought on Saipan during the war until months after he was already working at Marianas High School's JROTC several years back.

Miya Kuriyama, granddaughter of another WW II Japanese veteran, Torazo Kuriyama, said she started visiting Saipan five years ago based on her grandfather's stories.

She narrated how her grandfather was saved by American forces he was fighting against during the war. Her grandfather fell in the water and was found by about 20 American soldiers who pointed a gun at him.

She said her grandfather told the U.S. soldiers that if they wanted to shoot him, "shoot my heart." But the American soldiers dropped their gun, offered him water, fed him, and treated his wound.

"Even when he was in the camp, they treated him nicely. They said, 'you fought very well for your country. Don't be ashamed,'" said Ms. Kuriyama.

Another WW II American veteran, Howard Johnson Sr., from Tallahassee, Florida, said

Ishizeki and attorney Mark B. Hanson, counsel for GPPC, signed the agreement that will resolve all claims in GPPC's lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

According to court papers,

on Oct. 28, 2008, Ishizeki, on behalf of himself and Vector Works, executed and delivered to GPPC a promissory note dated Oct. 7, 2008 in the amount of \$170,000. Ishizeki agreed that they owed the amount to GPPC as its subcontractor.

As of the date of their agree-

ment filed Friday in federal court, the parties agreed that there remains an unpaid balance on the promissory note, including all accrued interest, in the amount of \$219,493.44.

Ishizeki further agreed to pay

GPPC \$1,000 in attorney's fees and costs of suit.

The parties agreed that the federal court shall retain jurisdiction of the case to enforce enforcement of the judgment. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## REFUNDS

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who are still in elementary and high school will be taken cared of.

"We have so many expenses and obligations and most of the checks will probably go to paying bills. In my years of receiving this check, I think this is among the earliest it's released by the government," said Crisostomo in an interview at yesterday's commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

This covers 3,392 rebate and refund checks, and 1,198, for a total of 4,590 checks for the second batch of release.

"Checks released after June 27 will be processed by filing date and are either late filers who filed after the April 15 deadline or taxpayers with deficiencies that need to be cleared at the Division of Revenue and Taxation," Demapan said.

The governor, in a statement, said the staff of the Division of Revenue and Taxation under the Department of Finance "have worked diligently to process the tax returns of CNMI taxpayers and were able to complete their processing by more than a month ahead of schedule."

"This is certainly good news for our taxpayers. It's a very busy time of the season with graduations and the beginning of summer," Inos added.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, for her part, thanked "everyone for their patience as we try to get everyone's checks out as quickly and efficiently as possible."

For those who don't receive their checks, the governor encourages them to contact the Division of Revenue and Taxation "to verify whether there may be deficiencies pending resolution."

The Inos administration earlier said the rebate and refund checks, as well as child tax checks could be out as early as July.

A refund is for tax that has been overpaid or incorrectly paid, and is returned to the taxpayer, while rebate is for tax properly paid and is subsequently returned to the taxpayer under a rebate provision in the law.

## ROTA

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gift package for a person named Toves.

At the Rota airport, the passenger said they were waiting for the police to arrive as the confidential source told him.

Toves arrived and asked for the package, but he told him to wait. Toves then handed a cellphone to the passenger.

On the other line was Flawau who was raising her voice, telling the passenger to hand over the package to Toves. The confidential source took the package, got into his vehicle, and

drove away.

Police then came and interviewed the witnesses.

Manglona said while he was en route to the arrival area of the Rota International Airport to meet with the confidential source and two witnesses, Toves quickly walked away from the arrival section area and left aboard a Finance vehicle.

Manglona said the confidential source later called DPS Dispatch Center to report that Toves called him/her and threatened to kill him/her and family.

Court records show that Toves had burglary cases that were disposed of in 1996 and 1997.

## SETBACK

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Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio separately said yesterday there are no specific dates yet on the flight suspension—an unprecedented sanction by the South Korean government that's expected to cost Asiana Airlines some \$3.9 million in lost revenue.

The governor conceded that the flight suspension is going to be a "major setback" for the CNMI's tourism industry.

South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport announced last week that a seven-member administrative review committee decided to ban Asiana Airlines from operating its Incheon-Saipan route for seven days, but fell short of announcing when that penalty will be carried out.

But a decision is expected before the end of June.

The ministry said Asiana Airlines continued with a passenger jet flight, OZ603, from Incheon to Saipan on April 19 despite discovering signs of engine trouble after takeoff. A warning light came on, signaling a problem in

one of the plane's two engines.

The problem concerned a blockage in one of the engine oil filters in the twin-engine B767 jet carrying 253 passengers, a report from the *Wall Street Journal* says.

The ministry said under the rules, Asiana Airlines should have immediately landed at the nearest airport but they flew all the way to Saipan, putting hundreds of passengers at risk. The aircraft landed safely on Saipan after a four-hour flight.

According to Korean and U.S. media reports, the ministry already suspended the Asiana Airlines captain's license for 30 days and imposed an almost \$20,000 fine on Asiana Airlines for filing a false report on the status of the plane's engine at the time of the incident.

Inos, who received word about the South Korean government sanction on Asiana Airlines on Friday, said he will receive a briefing from MVA today and from Asiana Airlines on Tuesday. MVA itself has limited information about the suspension as of the weekend.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Tourism, said

he's hoping that the Inos administration and MVA will work with Asiana Airlines to "soften the blow" to the CNMI of the Asiana Airlines flight suspension.

"The CNMI should not be penalized by the actions of Asiana crews. It's not fair for us," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune*.

He suggests options to cushion the impact of a seven-day suspension of flights to and from Saipan, including "spreading out the days" when the flights are suspended and using other aircraft and airlines that are also part of Star Alliance to service the flights to and from Saipan during the supposed suspension days.

"This will have direct impact on our tourist arrivals, economy in general and budgeting. There's also ripple effect. Travelers from Korea could be fearful about flying to Saipan because of this, and that's revenue loss for us too," he added.

Yumul said the over \$2 million revenue loss to the CNMI that he was earlier quoted by other media was only his preliminary calculation and at the time of the interview, he didn't have concrete information as to

which Asiana Airlines flights will be affected.

This was the first time for an airline to be forced to stop operating by South Korea as a result of safety rules violation rather than crash-related accidents. Normally violators would be slapped with a fine.

The suspension could further tarnish the image of South Korea's second-largest flagship carrier, following the crash of one of its aircraft at San Francisco International Airport in July last year.

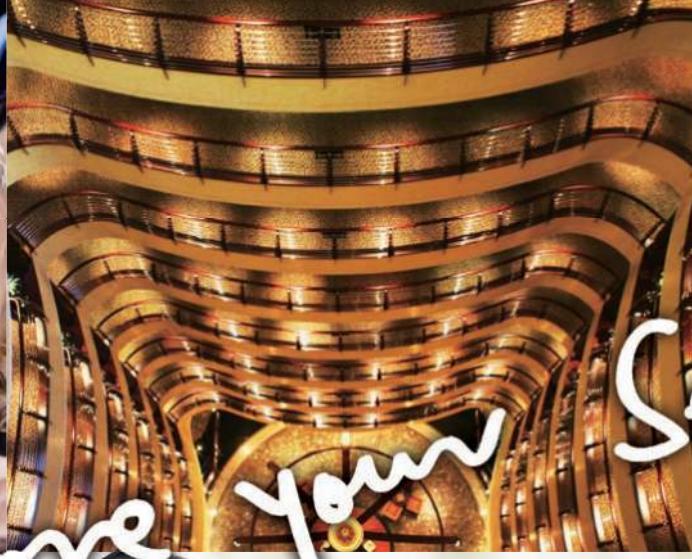
Kwon Yong-bok, director general of South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport's aviation safety department and also one of the committee members, said the ministry will consider allowing other airlines, possibly Jeju Air to fly to and from Saipan while Asiana flights are suspended.

Jeju Air is scheduled to launch an Incheon-Saipan flight in October.

"We will put top priority on minimizing inconvenience for people traveling to and from Saipan. We will issue an early notice of when Asiana cannot fly," the director general was quoted as saying.

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# House OKs \$12M supplemental budget after debate on \$5M

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The House of Representatives passed late Thursday afternoon a \$12.386 million supplemental 2014 budget bill, but not after debating a proposed floor amendment to set aside \$5 million to pay judgments against the government including land compensation instead of appropriating that amount to the retirement settlement trust, as



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KSPN 2 news director Bob Coldeen, center, shakes hands with Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), left, while Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), right, and other lawmakers applaud during the House's presentation Thursday of Sablan's Commemorative Resolution 18-9, honoring Coldeen for a "distinguished career in sports and commend his countless accomplishments and contributions" to the CNMI people.

originally intended.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), author of the supplemental budget measure or House Bill 18-192, along with other members, said if the government defaults on its annual minimum payment to the retirement settlement trust, the judgment against the government would be over \$770 million.

"It will essentially bankrupt the government if we default on it...that's the consequence," Sablan said during session.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed \$12.386 million supplemental budget for 2014 offers to set aside \$7.386 million for the government-employer share in the health and life insurance plan, while \$5 million will be added to the \$20 million earlier appropriated to complete the \$25 million required minimum payment to the settlement trust fiscal year FY 2014.

But Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) offered a floor amendment to use that \$5 million instead to pay for judgments against the government including unpaid land compensation. Tebuteb reminded his colleagues about the government's prior year obligations.

House members took turns opposing or supporting Tebuteb's proposed floor amendment.

In the end, 11 members voted to reject Tebuteb's proposed floor amendment, while seven members supported it.

One member, Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), abstained. Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) was excused from the session as she was on Rota for school graduations.

The 11 who voted against Tebuteb's plan to divert \$5 million away from the retirement settlement trust and into land compensation payments and other prior government obligations were: Reps. An-

tonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), George Camacho (R-Saipan), Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Felicidad Ogu-moro (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), and Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The seven who supported Tebuteb's amendment were Reps. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Tebuteb, Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), and Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan).

Yumul's proposed floor amendment to set aside \$60,000 for the Commonwealth Election Commission for its expenses related to the November 2014 elections was adopted.

Sablan's HB 18-192, House Draft 1 passed the House by a vote of 18-0. Maratita voted "present."

The House also adopted Rep. John Paul Sablan's House Joint Resolution 18-16 authorizing the CNMI through the governor to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing Urban Development actions plans for a block grant and an emergency solutions grant, among other things.

House members also adopted JP Sablan's Commemorative Resolution 18-9, honoring KSPN 2's Bon Coldeen for a "distinguished career in sports and commend his countless accomplishments and contributions" to the CNMI people.

The House went into short recess to present Coldeen, along with his wife, with a copy of the resolution. Members also said in unison, "Did you get that, Bob?"

# 17 newest US citizens take oath



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For Rab Nawaz, 55, of Pakistan, acquiring U.S. citizenship is a dream come true.

"I feel excited, happy. It means freedom and everything," said Nawaz, an IT&E technician who was among 17 persons to become the newest U.S. citizens during Friday's naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Nawaz came to Saipan as an electrician in 1990. He is married to Charlotte Dela Cruz. They have four children.

For Chang Whan Jang, 62, a Korean math teacher at Hopwood Junior High School, he feels freer now with his citizenship. Jang said the citizenship, however, also comes with responsibility.

"I feel great," said Jang, who first came to the island with his wife, Bok Ok Shin, in 1980.

One of the couple's Saipan-born children petitioned them to become U.S. citizens.

"I feel comfortable and proud," said the 59-year-old Shin of her citizenship. Shin and family used to run Mike's Jewelry.

Evelyn Esmedilla Borja, from Olongapo, Philippines, said she is very happy as off-island travel would now be easier. Borja has been on Tinian for 21 years now. She is currently working at the Tinian Municipal Treasury. She and her husband, Max Borja, who works at the Tinian Mayor's Office, have four children.

Matthew T. Gregory, guest speaker at the naturalization ceremony, congratulated the newest U.S. citizens and advised them of their responsibility to the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson administered the oath for the 17 new U.S. citizens.

Those who attended the ceremony were given U.S. flags as Friday was also Flag Day celebration.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officer Diane Zedde presented to the court the 17 petitioners, who are from the Philippines, Pakistan, South Korean, and Nepal.

Aside from Nawaz, Jang, Shin, and Borja, the 13 other

newest citizens are Larissa Pico Steele, Yong Choi, Gisel Dela Rosa Achas, Juliet Espiritu Delos Reyes, Felina Dayrit Guiao, Josephine Calimlim King, Wilma Santos Loste, Franco Orejudos Mendoza, Reynaldo Miranda Mendoza, Nieves Ubag Reyes, Ramsa Rabago Tenepere, Mahesh Kumar Thapa, and Annabel Operario Tudela.

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# Randee-jo Manglona, Mona Manglona top RHI's graduates

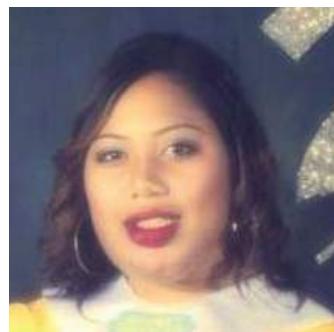
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REPORTER

Randee-jo Barcina Manglona was hailed this year's most outstanding student of Rota Hocog Inos Senior High School after being conferred with the highest academic honor, the Board of Education Award, during commencement exercises Friday on campus.

Randee-jo led the 39 graduates of the institution for school year 2013-2014. The top graduate is the daughter of Randolph and Marla Barcina and adopted by Raimundo and Josefa Manglona.

She will be attending University of California Davis and will major in English Literature. Randee-jo plans to get her degree and return to Rota to teach.

The second highest academic recognition was presented to Mona Quitugua Manglona—this



**RANDEE-JO BARCINAS MANGLONA**

Board of Education Award  
Valedictorian

**MONA QUITUGUA MANGLONA**

Commissioner's Award  
Salutatorian

year's Commissioner of Education awardee and class salutatorian. She is the daughter of Thomas A. Manglona and Patricia Song-song, and Rose Quitugua. Mona will be attending Philadelphia University.

The Principal's Award was bestowed on Beda Garcia Mundo, daughter of Jose H. and Camila

Mundo. The graduate plans to attend Northern Marianas College.

RHI also named the following other honor students: Amelia Quitugua, Maricel Atalig, Rhea Costales, and Michael King.

Friday's commencement rites were graced by education leaders and officials led by BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero and Educa-

tion Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan. Also in attendance were Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and other elected officials.

With the theme "Hear us roar, watch roar, we are class of 2014," the ceremony was keynoted by the class senior adviser Doralynn Barcina.

RHI presented diplomas to 39 seniors this year.

## RHI promotes 43 to high school

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Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School promoted on Friday 43 eighth graders to high school in a special ceremony held at its campus.

With the theme "Take every chance, drop every fear; be the greatest, our time is here," the promotional ceremony was attended by families, guests and education officials led by Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.



**MARY HEATHER JINGCO**

Board of Education Award  
Valedictorian



**RICHELLE MAE ALDABE**

Commissioner's Award  
Salutatorian

The school bestowed its top honors on Mary Heather Jingco, who emerged as the class valedictorian. She is the daughter of Nestor and Riza Jingco. The top student was accorded the prestigious Board of Education Award for demonstrating excellence in her studies.

Named class salutatorian and recipient of the Commissioner of Education Award was Richelle Mae Aldabe, the daughter of Restituto and Mercy Aldabe.

For the Principal's Award, the honor went to Querida Maratita, the daughter of Dwayne and Quinday Maratita.

Other honor students recognized were Jezzel Candia, Michelle Malaborbor, Aliah Roma Santos, Rhea Diane Dangan, Julia Maria Ogo, Alysha Hope Maratita, and Keilani Barcina.

Friday's ceremony was keynoted by grade 8<sup>th</sup> homeroom teacher Deseree Barcina.

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**June 16, 2006**

#### Tenorio downplays chances of minimum wage hike bill

The move Tuesday by a congressional panel to approve an increase in the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 included provisions to raise the CNMI minimum wage to a new proposed federal level of \$7.25 in a little less than four years. Although the introduction of the minimum wage bill did not surprise Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio, what surprised him was that the amendment was approved. "The fact that a federal minimum wage bill was offered at this time in an election year is no surprise. I have been in Washington long enough to expect them every two years like snow in winter, and heat in summer. It was also no surprise that the bill contained provisions that included the CNMI in the Fair Labor Standards Act, and increases our minimum wage. What surprised me as I listened to the committee vote on the amendment was that it was approved," said Tenorio.

#### Seaport is still pursuing Puerto Rico lands

After years of failed negotiations, the Commonwealth Ports Authority is renewing its proposal to obtain control over a considerable size of public lands in Puerto Rico for its expansion program. Saipan Seaport manager Lee Cabrera said yesterday that this land acquisition would be part of the harbor's master plan, which undergoes a major revision this year. "We're still pursuing the Puerto Rico land," said Cabrera in an interview. Since 2002, the CPA lobbied for the awarding of 108,398 square meters of public lands located along the roadside of Puerto Rico. This property is located between Kaiser Cement Company and the U.S. Army Reserve Office in Puerto Rico.

**June 16, 2007**

#### 2 'Hillblom kids' press claim

A woman who claimed she too has two children fathered by the late multi-millionaire Larry Lee Hillblom wants a special administrator to handle their heirship claims against the Hillblom estate. Sally Bauer, her 18-year-old son Christopher, and a minor daughter asked the Superior Court to appoint a new special administrator for the purpose of administering their heirship claims and their entitlement to the estate's \$30 million insurance policy. The Bauers, through attorney Antonio M. Atalig and legal intern Robert H. Myers Jr., said the new special administrator should obtain the original or a certified copy of the insurance policy reserved for heirship claims.

#### Scarlet gourd still a problem on Saipan

Ivy gourd, also known as scarlet gourd (*Coccinia grandis*), continues its ubiquitous encroachment on the island's flora. NMC-CREES agricultural consultant Isidoro T. Cabrera said the plant remains on the top list of invasive species in the CNMI. "It's still a problem. I still get a lot of complaints from people about this invasive plant," he said. The plant has been plaguing the island since 2001. Cabrera said the NMC-CREES is doing its best to control the situation. He said the problem is being addressed by the only entomologist at the college, Dr. Jack Tenorio.

**June 16, 2008**

#### Governor mulling several appointees to CPA board

The Fitial administration is now considering several appointees for the Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors. One of the reasons CPA remains under the governor's direct control is the lack of a board to run the ports authority. All of the board members have resigned at the governor's request.

#### First aid kits to arrive soon at dive spots

Scuba divers on Saipan can take comfort in the knowledge that potentially life-saving first aid kits will soon be on hand at some of the island's most popular dive spots. "This will be good on so many levels," said John Hirsch, executive director of Saipan's local Red Cross chapter, which is funding the effort. "There's a real need for it here in the community." The \$8,000 kits—containing automatic electric defibrillators able to jumpstart a stopped heart, an oxygen tank, an epinephrine injector pen and basic first aid equipment—could guard against episodes like the November 2007 death of Myung Hyun Song, according to Mike Tripp, a dive instructor and video producer who has organized the plan.

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# NMC Foundation preps for 11th Open Golf Tournament

In its effort to advance postsecondary education in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas College Foundation has announced that its signature event, the Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the West Course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. This will be the eleventh year the tournament has been held.

The NMC Foundation is composed of community volunteers committed to elevating higher education opportunities for CNMI students. All proceeds from the tournament will be used to support NMC's educational programs and services.

"On behalf of the NMC Foundation, I would like to thank all past supporters for their investment in our community. I call upon the same supporters as well as other members of this great community to contribute to our one and only community college in helping students achieve their goal of obtaining a degree in higher education," said NMC Foundation president Bill Santos. "All proceeds will go to the NMC Foundation which is charged with the

mission of supporting our great community college."

The entrance fee for the tournament is only \$95 per player. Interested players are also invited to bring their family, friends, and playing partners for a fantastic day of fun and fundraising for a good cause. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

With a shotgun start at 7am, the tournament is a medal play format. In addition to first, second and third place prizes for the different flights, the tournament will include hole-in-one prizes. The lucky golfer who makes a hole-in-one shot at designated sites will win significant prizes donated by the tournament's sponsors.

The NMC Foundation is also asking companies or individuals who can contribute Education Tax Credit, monetary, or in-kind donations to sponsor the tournament. Those interested in sponsoring the event or who are interested in registering to play can contact the Northern Marianas College at 234-5498 Ext. 6780 or email richard.villagomez@marianas.edu. (NMC)

## OAG drops gun charge vs Borja

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The Office of the Attorney General dismissed late Friday afternoon the charge of illegal possession of firearm filed against Ji Jing Borja, a man accused of poking a gun at a man who asked for a cigarette from him.

Attorney Daniel T. Guidotti, counsel for Borja, recently filed a motion questioning the constitutionality of the Commonwealth's Weapons Control Act that "creates a near-absolute ban on possession of handguns."

Guidotti asked court to dismiss count 3 of the information charging Borja with unlawful possession of a firearm.

Guidotti argued that the near-absolute ban on handguns under the Commonwealth Weapons Act is facially invalid because it unconstitutionally infringes on core Second Amendment rights guaranteed to every person on Commonwealth soil.

According to the information, Borja allegedly possessed a Ru-

ger P89 9mm handgun.

On Friday, the OAG dismissed the charge of illegal possession of firearm against Borja. No reason was stated in the motion to dismiss the charge.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted OAG's motion to dismiss.

Borja's jury trial will go forward on June 23, 2014, on the remaining charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace. Borja is presently out on bail.

In January 2012, police arrested Borja for allegedly pointing a gun at another man who asked him for a cigarette in western Garapan.

Last year, when attorney Mark Scoggins, counsel for Sergio Rangamar, raised the same issue of illegal possession of firearms and challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI law banning firearms, the OAG dismissed the charge of illegal possession of firearm against Rangamar three days before jury trial.

## DPL remits almost \$1M to MPLT

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio announced DPL's remittance of almost \$1 million in land leases to the Marianas Public Land Trust based on the findings of a fiscal year 2013 audit. The remittance is pursuant to Article 11 Section 6 of the CNMI Constitution.

Tenorio, in a June 6 letter to MPLT board of trustees chair Martin B. Ada, said DPL remitted \$996,743 to MPLT's Bank



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Participants in the 10th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament pause from their game to take a quick photo. The 11th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the West Course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.



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### EDITORIAL

## US can't do anything for this sinking ship

The situation in Iraq is passing from being a cause for American reflection on its own actions there in the 2003-2011 period to a reason for serious thought about the future in that part of the Middle East.

What is occurring is that a force calling itself the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria is assuming control through successful military action of the Sunni Muslim heartland, including the cities of Fallujah, Mosul, Ramadi, Samarra and Tikrit and most of Anbar and Nineveh provinces. The primarily Shiite Iraqi government forces of Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki, trained and equipped by the United States, have not yet mounted a successful defense to contain or roll back the ISIS forces.

As of Thursday Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, was some 70 miles away from advancing ISIS forces. They have adequate mobility and arms, thanks to assets U.S. forces left behind for use by Iraqi national forces.

The al-Maliki government has asked for new U.S. military support, drones for reconnaissance and intelligence and air strikes to try to hold back the ISIS forces. Kurdish forces have taken control of the important hub of Kirkuk, probably successfully denying it to the ISIS but raising the specter of impending, at least de facto, division of Iraq into Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish domains.

The ISIS is made up of Sunni Islamist extremists from both Iraq and Syria, supporters of the Baath Party of Saddam Hussein, including members of that government's armed forces, and other Sunni militias, including some who were on America's payroll when the United States attempted to bring Iraq's Sunnis under control during the occupation through the so-called Sunni Awakening.

First, given the current trend of events, unlikely to be changed even by the level of U.S. military intervention that could be contemplated, is the likelihood that the ISIS will take Baghdad. Second, it is likely that the ISIS will stop with that, not trying in the short run to master either the Shiite South or the Kurdish North. Third, it is likely that the United States, working with contacts developed with Sunnis during the occupation, could do business with the ISIS, in spite of its radical components, potentially creating a useful bridge to that element in the region.

The critical point at this juncture is that the United States not jeopardize the future by trying to plug the holes in the al-Maliki regime's sinking ship. With all the advantages America gave it and him, his regime has failed miserably to govern a multicultural Iraq in such a way to prevent it from dissolving.



## da Papas' bonhomie

Males unwilling to transcend their inheritance of patriarchy suffer most as a brutal feminist aggressiveness dots the social landscape of the West since the '80s. Around the world, Chambers of Commerce discovered that getting Dad a new fishing tackle, electronic gadgets, and/or tools works best when coursed through the power of wives, girlfriends, and mistresses!

Diehard male superiority adherents still fight in our gender wars, but their tribe is diminishing as feminine assertiveness gets more sophisticated, ambient in the marketing of many former male prerogatives such as the choice of car styling, brand, color and the like, taken over in many homes as belonging to the decision-making of domesticating lassies!

I've written recently of *bonne femme* (I coined *bonfemme* for the occasion) as the phenomenon of female assertiveness in today's social landscape. It is the *bonhomie* of da Papas' that gets our attention today.

Father's Day, as decreed by many in the Western world to complement Mother's Day, is observed in the United States today. I just came from Texas where the Public School System is accused of focusing on "jock culture." Boys are trained to excel in sports and other athletic activities at the expense of the arts and the humanities. From building structures I saw in small towns and the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolis, there evidently is not much quarrel against this perspective. The expenditure on macho physicality is out in the wide-open field. An accompanying ethos of boldly "looking gorgeously good" determines mainline lifestyle, though often zeroed in on the cosmeticized sartorial physique rather than on actual body space wellness and health.

As the heretofore virtue of softness attributed to the female of the species that has in my experience turned more grunt than militant Marines, with many gals out-guying guys in corporate offices and playfields, many guys have mellowed to the level of light touched pre-school fastidiousness and concern.

I was a Mr. Mom within the beltway of Washington, D.C. in the '90s to two young 'uns who were diagnosed under autism spectrum disorder. The challenge of maintaining a stance of tolerance for non-customary behavior and patience for spiked neurological tantrums taught me that compassion trumps discipline in fostering traits and habits on children any day.

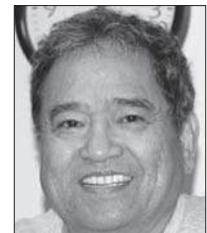
The same is proving true for my former finance adviser son-in-law who stays home to tend to two active boys of considerable self-hoods, one also ASD diagnosed, while his wife, my eldest, traverses the wild and wooly world of techie consultancy.

Sadly, masculine bullshiness, symbolized by a tenacious adherence to a culture of prolific gun ownership, remains an American

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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addiction. With the tragic shootings of the Newton massacre in Connecticut and others that followed, we remain under the illusion that owning a gun will keep families from harm and individual liberties secured. A hard-headedness on the matter accompanied by the misguided NRA defense of the historical but irrelevant constitutional 2nd Amendment regarding armed militia remains a revered quality among those who promote a certain style of manhood in mainstream USA!

Fortunately, a rising tide of nurturing natural and non-steroid physical fitness married to inclusive psychological wellbeing is in the cultural DNA of many male groups today, nurtured by increasing habits of cognitive stillness from the understanding that what we have claimed to know as a human race is best understood from the perspective of diversity and the affirmation of *vive la difference*, rather than on competitive contrasts, conflicts, and contradictions.

As a Papa, I came to appreciate the virtue of being perpetually conscious about the richness of sense experiences followed by authentic responses of pleasure and pain, dread and delight, to the practices of comprehensive cognitive overview where one does not draw a line to separate one from others due to beliefs, but contain all in a circle wide enough to host the paradoxes of existence embodied in differences so that human resolves remain connected.

It is in definitive resolve that I encourage one to be resolute and decisive. Many communities are divided by differences of thought when the critical factor is actually on whether a group will consent to ride on the same bus if they decide to head in the same direction. "Consensus" is often bandied about to mean majority rule "overriding" minority opinion. I facilitate group meetings where members maintain lucidity and integrity in differing perspectives but are willing to design a working model that includes everyone's vision. The minority opinion willingly suspends participation without hindering the majority choice from manifesting its decision, ending up "ownership" of the process and output nonetheless.

We are talking about the Papas beyond the new necktie and the latest in electronic gadgetry this Father's Day. May their consciousness and tribe continue to grow rich!

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## The price of ignorance

**O**bamacare, the supposed signature accomplishment of President Obama, has failed royally since day one. The national media calls it the "Lie of the Year '13!" Obama's promise of "you can keep your doctor..." never came to fruition. In fact, most folks lost their trusted physicians, hospitals, and insurers.

The promised reduction by President Obama of \$2,500 failed too. It had a complete opposite effect as more people learn they'd be paying more yearly and even more in hidden taxes ahead. The public clearly doesn't like Obamacare.

A recent editorial in the *Washington Times* said, "The president's scheme has produced higher premiums, higher deductibles and higher co-pays. Millions have lost perfectly good coverage plans and access to their trusted doctors. The administration couldn't even create a functional website, despite spending \$1 billion to build and promote one." Has the NMI sought exemption? Nah!

Here at home the announcement of Nobamacare implementation was met with a full round of applause at the Legislature. The applauding ignoramuses didn't know that the Affordable Care Act has drained families of their last pennies, nickels, and dimes.

Nobamacare, specifically, the effect of the ACA, raised health premiums here by 40 percent. It also raised health deductibles between \$500 and \$1,000 depending on options taken—high or low—fees you pay at CHC. Furthermore, it increased cost of medication by 40 percent. Add to this the 2 percent insurers charge clientele in service fee. I'm sure the increase has triggered higher hospital fees, too.

The most adversely affected are retirees in the lower rung of the pension pay scale. You add the pension cut of 25 percent with the increase in health premium of 40 percent for a total of 65 percent reduction in family income or buying power. This doesn't include power bill increases or the cost of living of some 20 to 24 percent. Imagine the instant impact in the reduction of income for those earning the minimum wage that cuts it down to \$2.40 an hour. Total reduction in your buying power is about 85 percent.

**Most destructive federal policy**

Appalling the imbecilic support from both the administration and the Legislature who never saw beyond boastful servility. Legislators were enamored by the half-cocked explanation from a supposedly masterful mouthy ignoramus.

Kilili played hermit crab avoiding the highly explosive issue. Would not a town hall meeting do justice focusing why he must seek NMI exemption given its devastation here amidst salaries and wages that have remained stagnant for over 10 years? This requires some sense of vision, doesn't it?

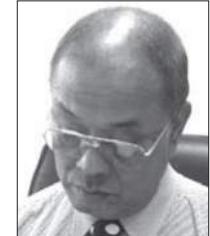
Even more despicable is the grand sense of detachment and disconnection how this most egregious federal policy has literally rendered families here completely helpless. Most, if not all, are in the abyss of misery in abject poverty. And nobody sought exemption?

A lot of retirees have pulled out of their health insurance policies when they found out that the new increase leaves nothing for family sustenance. This grants them leeway into Medicaid. The next

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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domino effect is the increase in the number of recipients. It means the quick depletion of Medicaid funds shortly.

Even more troubling is when depletion of federal funds translates into the NMI financial obligation. With bankruptcy the daily narrative is this possible? What about those who don't qualify for Medicaid assistance?

Some 52 percent of NMI workers fall within the federal definition of poverty level income. This is the group that is egregiously displaced by Nobamacare. How do they deal with their healthcare needs? Do they wait at home until close to death to seek medical assistance at CHC as a result of embarrassment being penniless?

Understandably, Kilili doesn't care because members of Congress and staff are exempt from Nobamacare. We're not! Why the disengagement and disconnection? Is it an issue of caliber of policymakers between here and Washington?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank you for your input, Ms. Ogunmoro

Your letter in the *Saipan Tribune* on June 13 says a lot about your beliefs, which would be commendable if this was 1814 but this is 2014. Incidentally, I hoisted more than a few with Francisco and Moses and we had some spirited debates while doing it. The United Nations Declaration you note, "that indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices...dispossession of their lands...preventing them from exercising...their right to development...their own needs and interests. ...Control by indigenous peoples over developments affecting them and their lands...enable them to maintain...cultures and traditions...their aspirations and needs."

I don't see anything in there that says it's OK to make other people suffer just because your forefathers have. You certainly haven't. "Your land" is whatever land is recorded on a deed, duly registered at the clerk of court's office. That's your land—land that is being bought up by unscrupulous persons of Northern Marianas descent, whatever that means in 2014.

In this report by Dr. Untalan, of Chamorro ancestry from Guam, who, like you, has benefited tremendously from the largess of the U.S. education and other systems, says in her 30-year study of migration patterns of Chamorros in Guam and the Northern Marianas that you are flat out misinformed. Her figures are consistent with the U.S. Census Bureau.

*In 1980...6,667 in the Northern Marianas...1990...12,948 in the Northern Marianas...2000...15,071 in the Northern Marianas...2010...10,411 in the Northern Marianas...July 2013 (estimated and from here on are my estimates)...51,170 people in the CNMI, and, using the same outflow rate of Chamorros from 2000 to 2010, would give us about 9,000 Chamorros in the Northern Marianas in June 2014. Dr. Untalan states, "While the population is increasing in all areas, the proportion of the Chamorro population on the islands is decreasing rapidly."*

Your U.N. report, which you think is so poignant, seems to be trumped by reality. That report is 7 years old. The reality is this—40 percent of your people have fled this paradise. I'm really, really interested to know why you think this is, given your view on culture and tradition. I talked to 50 people in Guam that moved there last year alone and their primary reason was the corruption and the culture it has spawned in the CNMI, their anger at not being in control of their land and the total lack of opportunity available to them and their children. These are your best people leaving. Migration researchers find that migrant groups are usually those members of society who want change, want to improve their living conditions, and are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. They have also been identified as the "cream of society." Thus, the Mariana Islands

might have lost some of its more vibrant Chamorros as a result of migration. The trend of increasing numbers of Chamorros living away from their home islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is expected to continue into the next decades.

Your statement, "*The failure of the Philippines, China, and other countries to create a satisfactory standard of living to prevent the exodus of their people to our island shores and elsewhere is secondary to the responsibility of the CNMI to the Chamorros and Carolinians.*" What are you talking about? Forty percent of your people have done just that. That's a hypocritical, racists, bigoted, and just plain stupid statement in light of the facts. You are telling the world, and your own children, that Chamorros are better than other peoples on the planet. Can you give me the age of all the people here that agree with you because I talk to under-25 people and they don't believe they are but some of the over-40 do and almost all of the over-60 do. Can this be a generational thing like hating gays and abortion and African-Americans not being equal with whites? I've been trying to explain that it's 2014, the age of technology, global warming, globalization, equal rights, individual rights and universal rights.

You have sold these islands to a bunch of crooks in the guise of maintaining your beliefs, beliefs that seem to only be shared by the old, the tired and the worn-out under-educated PSS graduates. You are losing the very people you need to keep, the people endowed with creativity, adventurers' spirit, curiosity, tenacity and the desire for more than a restrictive culture offers. Keep in mind that people that come here are not the "cream of the crop" either. They are trying to get away from something and will not use their full talents to help the young and that's the full gamut from attorneys to teachers. You get what you pay for and you will pay now or pay later. I just can't go along with your belief that it's just fine for 40 percent of your people to move to the U.S. and get total rights immediately yet you are OK with denying others the same treatment. Are you honestly OK with breaking up families, sending mixed-race kids parents' packing? Shame on you. It takes intelligent choices to solve today's complex problems.

And this one really begs to be explained: "...have become marginalized by more powerful, self-centered interests." By this I take it you mean its OK to get screwed by your own people but not by outsiders. That's all it could mean. Inos and his band of crooked, secretive collaborators have already sold you out (as did his predecessors) to foreigners and I don't hear you "shouting" from the rooftops. I guess its OK with you because these are local boys, is that your position? And, just look at what has happened in Guam. Oh the horror of it, those poor Guam Chamorros are outnumbered 3 to 1 by those

no good foreigners, those land grabbing scoundrels, those uncouth barbarians, oh my goodness, my goodness, my goodness. FYI, in 2013, Guam only had three times Saipan's population but 8.5 times its GDP. Take out the military spending and it's still six times more than yours. Oh, those poor Guamanians. There are probably more Japanese Chamorros living in Guam today than on Saipan.

Great pix of your family on your FB. Do they think its OK to separate families? You want to really help Chamorros and Carolinians, then help me get a touch screen tablet into the hands of every kid on the island, if you are really serious about jumpstarting your people into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Below are sites you can find information at:

- <http://guampedia.com/chamorro-migration-to-the-u-s/>
- <http://withonespast.wordpress.com/2013/08/02/chamorro-filipino-spain-galleon/>

**Gary DuBrall**

Chalan Piao, Saipan

## Open letter of thank you to all the veterans

On June 10, 1944, American fighter planes began bombing the islands of Saipan and Tinian continuously, night and day. The American airplanes were from the aircraft carrier part of the armada that made up Task Force 58 destined for Saipan.

Five days later, June 15, 1944, we saw battleships all along the western side of Saipan. A few minutes thereafter, hundreds of landing crafts proceeded toward the western beaches of Saipan. We were totally confused and did not know what will happen to us being caught between two fighting forces. We did not know what will happen to us once we are captured by the American forces. So we all prayed to God to help us, protect us. Our fate was in the hand of God.

I want to publicly express my profound thank you to all the military personnel involved in the battle of Saipan for your sacrifices so that we may live. To those who lost their lives so we may live, we pray and hope to bring comfort to your family for saving our lives.

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, thank you from the bottom of our heart.

**David M. Sablan Sr.**  
Papago, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

## Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 63 ▼ 56
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 69
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 71
London	Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
New York	Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 68
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 66
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 53
Pusan	Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 63
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲ 76 ▼ 63
Salem	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 64
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 68
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 72

## Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM	Today	10:33 PM	9:42 AM
5:09 AM	Today	Low Tide: 1.1 Feet	Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
10:00 AM	Today	High Tide: 2.0 Feet	Tuesday	10:33 PM	9:42 AM
5:17 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.5 Feet	Wednesday	11:21 PM	10:41 AM
			Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
			Friday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2014

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN
UA5070 4:15am 5:05am Daily	UA5069 2:45am 3:35am Daily
UA5068 8:00am 8:50am 3	UA5071 6:40am 7:30am 3
UA5068 8:40am 9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071 7:15am 8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039 2:30pm 4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039 1:10pm 2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078 3:20pm 4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038 1:10pm 2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038 3:20pm 4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077 2:00pm 2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040 7:05pm 7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041 5:45pm 6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078 8:35pm 9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077 7:15pm 8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044 10:50pm 11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043 9:30pm 10:20pm 1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)	GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)
UA5039 2:30pm 3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038 1:10pm 1:45pm 2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)	ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN
UA5039 3:35pm 4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038 2:15pm 2:50pm 2, 4

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)	PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN
DL287 6:05am 11:20pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298 4:30am 3:00pm 3, 7 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN
DL287 6:05am 8:45am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily
DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily	DL288 8:55pm 1:25am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN
OZ606 2:20am 6:00am 1	OZ603 8:50am 2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7
OZ604 3:30pm 6:55pm 1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN
3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)	BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN
MU764A 3:30am 7:30am 4, 7	MU763A 6:50pm 2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764 4:00am 8:00am 1, 5	MU763 7:20am 3:00am+1 4, 7



THE  
CNMI STATE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION AND  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Class of  
2014**



**TINIAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
11:00 am, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Tinian Jr. High School Cafeteria

**MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL**  
4:00 pm, Monday, June 16, 2014, Marianas High School Gymnasium



# Promotion *and* Graduation

## Ceremony

The State Board of Education and the Public School System through the Office of the Commissioner of Education congratulates our promotees and graduates of Class of 2014.

Our promotees and senior high school graduates represent the hard work, perseverance, commitment and dedication that we, as public education stakeholders, leaders and advocates, have worked on this past school year.

As School-Year 2013-2014 comes to a close, it also opens a new chapter in the lives of our public school students. We have triumphed yet again in our continued pursuit to move forward and deliver the same purpose for what we, as stewards of public education, are entrusted upon.

## Best Wishes!

**TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Natibu Park

**SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL**  
4:30 pm, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, Saipan Southern High School

# STUDENTS FIRST

# Was report of Japanese suicides in WWII on Saipan really true?

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

Reports that Japanese soldiers and civilians committed mass suicides at the tail end of World War II on Saipan and Tinian to avoid capture have been greatly exaggerated, according to historian Haruko Taya Cook, one of the presenters at the history conference held Saturday at the Saipan World Resort.

This presentation may have been one of the most interesting and important presentations that could literally revise parts of World War II history in the Pacific as we know it.

Cook told the audience that what is referred to as the "Saipan gyokusai" which means "self-destruction," may have been a myth.

Cook said that despite the horrible scenes of suicide and murder, fear and misery, desperation and despair that took place in 1944 at key historic sites on Saipan, the facts do not support the conclusion that all Japanese civilians and soldiers "preferred death to surrender."

Cook said a vast majority of these Japanese nationals survived the Battles of Saipan and Tinian, only to be expunged

from the war story by wartime propaganda on both sides of the conflict.

Cook's research and study on this so-called "wartime myth" was based on interviews with Japanese survivors and the eyewitness account of one of the U.S. Marine Corps interpreters who experienced the battle from the other side and shared his unique perspective on the dangers the creation of the myth would have on the future course of the war against Japan.

According to Cook, the report of mass suicides by the Japanese military and civilians written by Robert Sherrod appeared on the Japanese press "more than a month" after the battle on Saipan. Cook's research on Sherrod identified the journalist to be from *Time* magazine and his story appeared on Aug. 7, 1944.

Cook told *Saipan Tribune* said that some Japanese did kill themselves but majority survived.

"But after Saipan fell officially, in Japan everybody was dead and some were already captured and they were not allowed to survive. In Japan, the military rule was nobody was allowed to survive and they extended that

to the civilians," Cook said.

Cook also said that the Japanese government at that time knew that many surrendered to U.S. forces.

"But they never announced it, they reported officially that everybody was dead," she said.

"They were killed by their own government, often called *haji* (shame) and that your family's name will be tainted," she added.

Cook told *Saipan Tribune* said that schoolteachers taught

the children how to "die" if they were captured by Americans.

"Teachers told them that if they were captured, they will be raped if you're a woman and then killed if you are a guy. You'll be put under the truck or tanks," Cook said.

Cook said that many eyewitnesses later said this was not true.

"Those who knew, who went back to Okinawa, told them that the Americans were not like that, but since they were 'offi-

cially dead' through the Japanese government, they killed themselves through fear and was told to do so," Cook said.

In her correspondence with retired Lt. Robert Sheeks of the U.S. Marine Corps, she learned that he had spoken with many Japanese civilians and soldiers hiding in the cliffs at the time.

According to Cook, Sheeks witnessed what happened in the war and that he wrote to the U.S. government but it didn't believe

what had happened and his letter was censored.

Cook said that many had wanted to survive and only a few committed suicide, but there will always be that question lying around—Was it the war propaganda that hid the true nature of the so-called "Saipan gyokusai" or was it the Japanese government killing them off? Or is it all a myth and that the truth lies with the accounts of those long gone?

## Petition vs Cape Air gathers more signatures

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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Over a hundred customers of the only airline transporting passengers from Saipan to Guam and vice versa have signed an online petition against it amid growing concerns over the mechanical and technical problems being encountered by its aircraft.

Rose A. Hocog, organizer of the signature petition against Cape Air, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the online complaint has now more than a hundred names on it and that it will soon be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"So far we have garnered over 100 signatures on the online petition. I plan to print the petition and personally deliver it to the Legislature, governor's office, CPA [Commonwealth Ports Authority], and all the agencies listed on the petition. I also plan to file a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation," said Hocog.

She said the staffer's comment did not bother her. What ruffles her feather more is the continuing inaction of elected leaders on the plight of the flying public.

"What bothers me is that despite the complaints, we have not heard from any of our elected leaders about their plan about this. I am sure that they are not deaf. I am sure that they can read. I am sure that they know what the people are complaining about," she said.

Cape Air, the only carrier now servicing travelers from the CNMI to neighboring Guam, has reportedly been experiencing delays in its regular flights for quite some time due to what was described as maintenance checks. The airline is using one ATR-42 aircraft to serve the CNMI customers.

"We have children who travel back and forth to represent the CNMI, we have folks who need to travel to and from because of medical reasons, we have business folks who travel to and from to meet with

clients, we have family and friends who travel to and from to visit, and we have tourists who travel to and from our islands. Are our elected leaders waiting for something tragic to happen before they do something? Is renaming and naming of streets more important than the safety and lives of the people of and the visitors to the CNMI?" Hocog asked.

She is encouraging more people to sign the petition.

"If they do not care, there are currently over a hundred people who have joined me in openly expressing their concerns, who have shown that they care. I am encouraging others to join us and let their voices be heard through the petition, their Facebook pages, Twitter, and emails to their elected leaders," she said.

She added that the petition is still available online for people to sign.

## THE PRICE

*From Page 11*

### The descent of greed

A thoughtful writer said, "Greed is a desire—rapacious, wanting that knows no bounds. It rules through 'elite' groups taking control of society at large or segments of it."

Greed is found in the Saipan casino law where the license is limited to a single applicant or recipient. It instantly compromises healthy competition and funnels control of the industry to a single firm. This isn't in the best interest of our people.

The embryonic beast is a pyramid of political and economic dynasty set to control and unleash endless scams, especially among local politicians. It slowly extends its tentacles of corruption to casino employees (people assigned to do soft and hard money count) and eventually security and police officers. When the circle of influence pans out as envisioned, we can kiss our future adios.

Many would be sighing with resignation, "Greed rules" powerfully. It would be a tyrant that controls our way of life. We're left powerless and must somehow fend for ourselves. A lot of backstabbing would occur among our people—those who wish to recapture our way of life—versus those that rest comfortably in the deep pockets of casino bosses.

By then, whatever we wish to do is controlled and dominated by a few, the monopolistic influences that would work religiously against the common good. This is more the reason to repeal the law!

### The 'will of the people'

The concept of the "will of the people" is often misunderstood, misinterpreted, therefore carried forward into the nether land of misunderstanding in perpetuity. However, it comes in two forms: direct and indirect.

When the people of Saipan took the casino issue and voted it down twice, make no mistake such action is the "direct will of the people." The Legislature, however, voted by the people is an instrument of "indirect" will of the people. It's subject to change in an election year.

The will of the people isn't limited to term. Senators are elected every four years as well as the governor. Neither is an initiative limited to two years.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
RFP NO.: RFP14-DCCA/NAP-057**

**SUBMISSION: JULY 28, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"TO PROVIDE CNMI NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'S ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CNMI NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"**

**THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER APRIL 28, 2014 AT THE OFFICE OF THE N.A.P. OFFICE, LOCATED AT THE JTV BUILDING IN AS LITO, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.**

**A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME, ON MAY 28, 2014 AT THE DCCA-NAP OFFICE, QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 30, 2014 AND MUST BE DIRECTED TO MR. WALTER MACARANAS, NAP ADMINISTRATOR BY FAX TO (670) 664-2850 OR EMAIL TO [dcnap@pticon.com](mailto:dcnap@pticon.com).**

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/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO  
Secretary of DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB14-DCCA/NAP-113**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 11, 2014 TIME: 11:00 A.M.**

**"OFFICE SPACE LEASE FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, N.A.P. DIVISION"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The lessor must comply with the CNMI Public Law 15-23, Article 5 Section 8652 (a)-(d).

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/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO  
Secretary of DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB14-DPW/SWM-112**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 11, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A GENERATOR SET FOR MARPI LANDFILL FACILITY, A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT"**

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

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/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014 in the Governor's Conference Room, 1st Floor, Juan Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following is the proposed agenda.

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Return to Public Session
- VI. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

**70TH 'REUNION OF HONOR' CEREMONY ON SAIPAN**

# Parade held in honor of and gratitude for WWII veterans

**By JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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REPORTER

After a weeklong of celebration to remember their courage and sacrifice, World War II veterans and families of late veterans were honored for their legacy of peace through a Mass, parade, and ceremony. The events were part of the 70<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

A "Reunion of Honor" Mass was held at the Kristo Rai Church at 9:30am in Garapan, followed by a parade from the Cabrera Center on Beach Road to the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

The parade was participated in by the baseball divisions of the CNMI, motorcycle groups, U.S. Marines, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Army Corps, CNMI Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, Marianas Star Entertainment Inc., taekwondo students, veterans, government officials, and vehicles.

After the parade, a "Reunion of Honor" ceremony was held at the American Memorial Park to honor the visiting WWII veterans and to show the CNMI's gratitude for their services.

Expeditionary Force Band from Okinawa performed the pre-ceremonial music, followed by the call to order for the ceremony by Frankie Eliptico of the Northern Marianas College.

The highlight of the ceremony was the keynote speakers and guest speakers as well as prayers offered by Bishop Yosho Okamoto of the Tenrikyo Onomichi Church in Japan.

According to 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Saipan and Tinian chair Vicente Camacho, it was an honor for the people of the CNMI and the government to welcome the WWII veterans and to thank them for liberating Saipan 70 years ago.

"June 15, 2014, marks the

70<sup>th</sup> year since the war ended on Saipan. We are here to honor our World War II heroes, those who are still standing and those who have fallen. We also honor their families and all who lived through the atrocities of that war," Camacho said in his remarks.

Camacho said that June 14 also marks the celebration of the CNMI's liberation and honor those who made it possible.

"We celebrate 70 years of peace, unity, economy advancement, prosperity, and the continued security that we are all privileged to enjoy," Camacho said.

Camacho noted that the celebration is one of "great diversity—diversity in race, color, religion, ethnicity and equality, but one people united and working together for the common wealth of all."

Keynote speaker Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, commander, Joint Region Marianas, also noted the passing of the late mayor Donald Glenn P. Flores, asking everybody present for a moment of silence.

In his welcoming remarks, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said that everyone had come together to recall a time when soldiers from a nation "thousands of miles away from our shores" landed here in the hopes of ending a war and in turn, helped to liberate a grateful people."

"This is a time to connect with our past by seeing history in the flesh in the form of our liberators. It is a time when our community gets together to celebrate their selfless acts which paved the way for us to live our lives the way we want to," Inos said.

Inos said that in recalling June 15, there is a "sense of pride and honor we all feel" but to the elderly and veterans, "the memories they have of the war are some they wish they could not forget."

Speakers also included Japanese Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi,



JAYSON CAMACHO  
Cadets of the CNMI Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps take part in the parade on Sunday.

P&A Corp. general manager Ho Joon Jo, Gary McClosky who represented for a World War II veteran named Joe Lane, Miwa Kuriyam representing her grandfather, Torazo Kuriyama, and Okamoto.

Other important speakers included WWII veterans Teruki Okazaki, Robert A. Burke, Raymond Russell Kelly, and Carl Mathews.

Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, and Payne later laid a wreath at the site. They were joined by veterans and Japanese representatives.

The ceremony was capped by a 21-gun salute from the Department of Public Safety firing team and the playing of *Taps*.

"Today, we salute and honor our WWII veterans, veterans of other wars, their families, and our local leaders who helped to rebuild Saipan after the war. Let us thank them for making our lives better. Now it is our duty to give our children an even better opportunity than that which we received," Camacho said.

# 70th Anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian

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2013 Liberation Queen Nicole Sablan waves to the crowd in yesterday's parade, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.



A U.S. Coast Guard platoon marches down the road in front of Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.



Young U.S. Marines smile as they make their way to American Memorial Park.



2014 Miss Marianas Teen candidates pose for *Saipan Tribune* in their yellow Mustang.



Japanese World War II veteran Teruki Okazaki is escorted to the podium during a "Reunion of Honor" held at the American Memorial Park yesterday.



World War II veteran Robert A. Burke is accompanied by his son and a U.S. Marine escort as he makes his way to the podium during the "Reunion of Honor" held at the American Memorial Park yesterday.



Lt. Colonel Raymond Russell Kelly of the 482nd Squadron, 505th Bomb Group and 313th Bomb Wing at North Field, Tinian makes his way to the podium at the American Memorial Park to deliver remarks.



Carl Matthews is escorted to the podium during a "Reunion of Honor" held at the American Memorial Park yesterday.



Bishop Yoshio Okamoto of the Tenrikyo Onomichi Church in Japan reads a prayer as part of the "Reunion of Honor" ceremony yesterday at the American Memorial Park.



Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and keynote speaker Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne lay a wreath at the Circle of Honor of the American Memorial Park.



Japanese officials and representatives present wreaths and leis on top of the memorial monument at the American Memorial Park.

# Business

## 4 in 10 higher risk wells aren't inspected

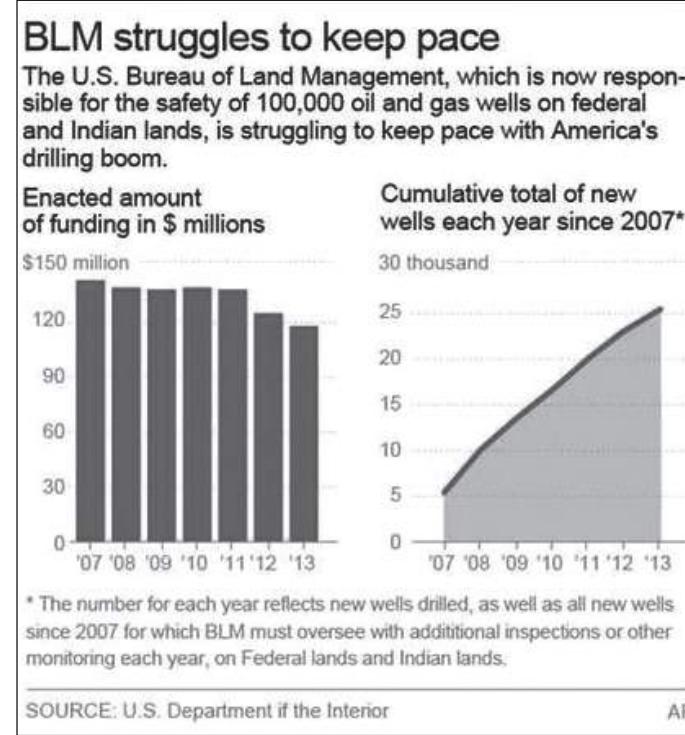
**NEW CASTLE, Colo.** (AP)—Four in 10 new oil and gas wells near national forests and fragile watersheds or otherwise identified as higher pollution risks escape federal inspection, unchecked by an agency struggling to keep pace with America's drilling boom, according to an Associated Press review that shows wide state-by-state disparities in safety checks.

Roughly half or more of wells on federal and Indian lands weren't checked in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, despite potential harm that has led to efforts in some communities to ban new drilling.

In New Castle, a tiny Colorado River valley community, homeowners expressed chagrin at the large number of uninspected wells, many on federal land, that dot the steep hillsides and rocky landscape. Like elsewhere in the West, water is a precious commodity in this Colorado town, and some residents worry about the potential health hazards of any leaks from wells and drilling.

"Nobody wants to live by an oil rig. We surely didn't want to," said Joann Jaramillo, 54.

About 250 yards up the hill from Jaramillo's home, on land that was a dormant gravel pit when she bought the house eight years ago, is an active



Graphic shows drilling and funding for inspections.

drilling operation that operates every day from 7 a.m. until sometimes 10:30 p.m. Jaramillo said the drilling began about three years ago.

Even if the wells were inspected, she questioned whether that would ensure their safety. She said many view the oil and gas industry as self-policing and nontransparent.

"Who are they going to report to?" she asked.

Government data obtained by

the AP point to the Bureau of Land Management as so overwhelmed by a boom in a new drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that it has been unable to keep up with inspections of some of the highest priority wells. That's an agency designation based on a greater need to protect against possible water contamination and other environmental and safety issues.

## Philly rail workers return, service to resume

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Commuter rail workers began returning to their jobs early Sunday following a brief strike that was ended when President Barack Obama intervened, and train service was expected to resume within hours.

The strike began after negotiations between the Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and its engineers and electricians unions failed to reach a new contract deal Friday. It shut down 13 train lines that carry

commuters from Philadelphia to the suburbs, Philadelphia International Airport and New Jersey.

Obama on Saturday granted Republican Gov. Tom Corbett's request to create a presidential emergency board to mediate the contract dispute, forcing the 400 union workers to go back. Obama ordered the establishment of the three-member board effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday and called for "a swift and smooth resolution."

The last regional rail strike, in 1983, lasted more than three months.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen vice president Stephen Bruno said his union's members were complying with the order to be back on duty at 12:01 a.m.

SEPTA said rail service would be up and running around 6 a.m.

"As long as these workers show up for their regularly scheduled Sunday shifts, Regional Rail service will be restored to full Sunday operations in the morning," SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams said.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Ukraine, Russia hold new talks in gas dispute

**KIEV, UKRAINE** (AP)—Officials from the Russian and Ukrainian state gas companies were meeting in Kiev to try to resolve a knotty dispute over how much Ukraine owes Russia for past natural gas deliveries and what price Ukraine should pay for future supplies. European Union Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger was joining the talks Saturday along with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and the heads of Ukraine's Naftogaz and Russia's Gazprom companies. Talks broke off last week after Ukraine balked at Russia's latest price demand. The dispute has been go-

ing on for months.

### Sanofi, Medtronic join on diabetes drugs, devices

French drugmaker Sanofi and U.S. medical device manufacturer Medtronic Inc. have joined in a project to develop new combinations of drugs and devices for diabetes care. The two major companies announced Saturday the "global strategic alliance," which they said was aimed at improving experience and results for people with diabetes around the world. The companies say the initial priorities will be developing drug-device combinations and providing care-management services to simplify insulin treatment. (AP)

### Delta worker hurt in jet engine fire at LaGuardia

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Authorities say a Delta Air Lines worker has been injured while responding to an engine fire on a plane that landed at New York's LaGuardia. The Federal Aviation Administration says the fire broke out at 10:25 p.m. Friday after the arrival of Delta Flight 2166 from Orlando, Florida. The FAA says airport firefighters extinguished the blaze in the aircraft's left engine. FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen says no passengers were injured, but a ramp worker was taken to a hospital. Betsy Talton with Atlanta-based Delta says the worker is doing well.

# Nation

## After defeating Cantor, Dave Brat avoids spotlight

**RICHMOND, Va.** (AP)—The giant slayer isn't quite ready for his close up.

For the three days since Dave Brat took down House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in the GOP primary Tuesday, he's been holed up in his suburban home, avoiding the reporters and TV trucks waiting outside. While the world wants to know more about the economics professor turned sudden tea party star, Brat's in hiding, apparently unprepared for the tempest he unleashed.

"I need a few days to decompress after that election," Brat told a CNN crew when he briefly emerged Thursday to get a haircut.

In a text message to The Associated Press, Brat said he was not doing any public appearances and had "shut down for a week with the family." On election night, the 49-year-old said he was looking forward to a steak dinner with his wife to make up for having celebrated



In this combination of Associated Press photos, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., left, and Dave Brat, right, react after the polls close Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in Richmond, Va.

their 19th wedding anniversary while on the campaign trail.

Brat is set to square off against Democrat Jack Trammell, who like Brat teaches at the tiny Randolph-Macon College just north of Richmond, in the general election. Virginia's 7th District leans heavily Republican and went for Republican Mitt Romney over President Barack Obama by 57 percent to 42 percent in 2012.

From home, Brat has done several media interviews by phone but has mostly tried to

## Army: Bergdahl not joined by family after return

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—When Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl arrived back in the United States following five years of captivity by the Taliban in Afghanistan, he wasn't joined by his family, military officials say.

Bergdahl was brought to Texas from an Army medical facility in Germany, where he had been recovering. Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, who greeted Bergdahl early Friday upon his arrival, said he exchanged a few words with Bergdahl after a three-vehicle convoy met him.

"He appeared just like any sergeant would when they see a two-star general, a little bit nervous. But he looked good and saluted and had good deportment," DiSalvo said at a news conference Friday, add-

ing that Bergdahl was in stable condition.

Army officials would not say when Bergdahl's relatives might show up at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

In a statement read at the news conference, Bergdahl's parents said they "are overjoyed that their son has returned to the United States" but asked for privacy.

Col. Bradley Poppen, an Army psychologist, said a soldier typically determines when to reunite with his or her family. Poppen declined to release further details, citing the family's request for privacy. After the news conference, officials said they did not know if Bergdahl has spoken with his family.

## Gun control group marches across Brooklyn Bridge

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Some

shootings across the U.S.

"I want to see our laws protect our children, not our gun lobbyists," said Andrew Morosky, 48, who lives in Newtown and whose children were friends with some of the 20 students who were killed along with six educators. "After what happened, I felt like I had to do something. I sat on the sidelines for too long."

The event was organized by several groups—including Moms Demand Action, Everytown For Gun Safety and Mayors Against Illegal Guns—which are all funded by former New York Mayor

Michael Bloomberg. The billionaire Bloomberg, who was not in attendance, has become one of the nation's most visible gun control advocates and has pumped millions of his own money into the cause.

The rally began in downtown Brooklyn, where many chanted "Not one more," the cry uttered by Richard Martinez, whose son Christopher was shot to death in Santa Barbara, California, last month.

"We have to stop the madness," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. "Too many people have died, and too many lobbyists have lied."

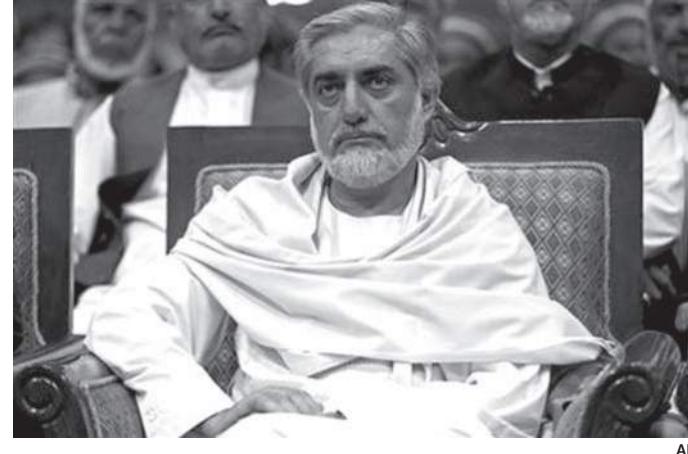
# Asia

## Afghans brave Taliban threats to choose new leader

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Afghans braved threats of violence and searing heat Saturday to vote in a presidential runoff that likely will mark the country's first peaceful transfer of authority, an important step toward democracy as foreign combat troops leave. The new leader will be challenged with trying to improve ties with the West and combatting corruption while facing a powerful Taliban insurgency and declining international aid.

Abdullah Abdullah, who emerged as the front-runner with 45 percent of the vote in the first round, faced Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, an ex-World Bank official and finance minister. Neither garnered the majority needed to win outright, but previous candidates and their supporters have since offered endorsements to each, making the final outcome unpredictable.

The two men differ more in personality than policy. Both promise to sign a long-delayed security pact with the United States, which President Hamid Karzai has rebuffed. That would allow nearly 10,000 American troops to remain in the country for two more years to conduct counterterrorism operations and continue training and advising the ill-pre-



In this picture taken on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah listens during his last campaign rally in Kabul, Afghanistan.

pared Afghan army and police. And both pledge to fight for peace and against corruption.

But their different ethnic backgrounds have highlighted the tribal fault lines in this country of 30 million ravaged by decades of war.

"I voted today for my future, because it is still not clear—the country is at war and corruption is everywhere and security is terrible. I want the next president to bring security above all and jobs," said Marya Nazami, who voted for Ahmadzai.

The White House praised Afghan voters for their "courage and resolve" in the second round.

"These elections are a significant step forward on Afghani-

stan's democratic path," it said in a statement. "We look forward to working with the next government chosen by the Afghan people."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry praised Afghans for "laying the groundwork for the first democratic transition" in their country's history.

"These brave Afghans from all walks of life again defied the threat of violence and went to the ballot box and voted because they want to set the course for a more inclusive, prosperous, and stable future," Kerry said in a statement. He said it is essential that the process of tallying the votes, adjudicating completes and finalizing the results "be transparent and accountable."

The military said most of the dead were Uzbeks. Uzbek militants have long based themselves in Pakistan's northwestern tribal areas as do a plethora of other armed groups such as al-Qaida, the Pakistani Taliban and the Haqqani network.

The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, along with the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the airport attack in what was a rare instance of the group striking within Pakistan. The militant group was formed in 1991 to overthrow the Uzbek government and install an Islamic caliphate there but later expanded that goal to include all of Central Asia. The organization has attacked U.S. and NATO targets in Afghanistan.

The area where the strikes occurred is remote and dangerous for journalists, making it impossible to independently verify the accounts.

## Pakistan: Dozens killed in strikes on militants

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Pakistani jets pounded insurgent hideouts in the country's northwest early Sunday, killing dozens of militants in an aggressive response targeting those believed responsible for a five-hour siege of the Karachi airport a week ago, officials said.

The Pakistani government has been under pressure to combat the resilient insurgency that has plagued the country for years after the shocking attack June 8 on its busiest airport, which left 36 people dead, including 10 assailants. Government efforts that started months ago to negotiate with the militants appeared to be going nowhere, and the airport violence has made the

talks even less likely to succeed.

There were conflicting accounts of how many people were killed in the airstrikes in the North Waziristan tribal area bordering Afghanistan. The military said in a statement that over 50 militants were killed, although intelligence officials earlier put the toll as high as 100.

"There were confirmed reports of presence of foreign and local terrorists in these hideouts who were linked in planning of Karachi airport attack," the military said.

The area where the strikes occurred is remote and dangerous for journalists, making it impossible to independently verify the accounts.

## China adding school to outpost in disputed waters

**BEIJING** (AP)—China is building a school on a remote island in the South China Sea to serve the children of military personnel and others, expanding the rugged outpost it created two years ago to strengthen claims to disputed waters and islands.

China established the settlement of Sansha—which Beijing designates a "city" and has a permanent population of 1,443—on tiny Yongxing Island to administer hundreds of thousands of square miles (kilometers) of water where China wants to strengthen its

control over the potentially oil-rich territory.

Vietnam, the Philippines and the United States criticized Beijing for establishing Sansha, saying it risked escalating regional tensions. The island is about 350 kilometers (220 miles) south of China's southernmost province, in the Paracel chain, which is also claimed by Vietnam.

The Sansha government said in a statement on its website that construction on the school started Saturday and was expected to take 18 months. It said

there were about 40 children of school age on Yongxing Island, and the school could also educate the children of police, army personnel and civilians stationed on the islands, some of whom had to stay with grandparents in far-off hometowns.

When China created Sansha in July 2012, the outpost had a post office, bank, supermarket, hospital and a population of about 1,000. By December, it had a permanent population of 1,443, which can sometimes swell by 2,000, according to the Sansha government.

# World

## Thousands of Iraqi men answer urgent call to arms

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Thousands of Shiites from Baghdad and across southern Iraq answered an urgent call to arms Saturday, joining security forces to fight the Islamic militants who have captured large swaths of territory north of the capital and now imperil a city with a much-revered religious shrine.

The mobilization, urged by the nation's top Shiite cleric, took on a sectarian dimension that threatened to intensify Sunni-Shiite strife in a nation already ripped by religious fervor after the militants' battlefield successes.

In Baghdad, fallout from the stunning advance in the north was beginning to affect daily life for the city's 7 million inhabitants.

Some food prices rose dramatically. Army troops went house-to-house searching

for militants and weapons in neighborhoods close to vital government installations. The streets of the capital were quieter than usual, and military and police checkpoints made extra efforts to check cars and passenger IDs.

The price hikes were partly the result of transportation disruptions on the main road linking the capital with provinces to the north, but they might also be a telltale sign of a nervous city.

"We were not prepared for this sudden spike in the prices of foodstuff, vegetables and fuel," said Yasser Abbas, a government employee from Baghdad's sprawling eastern Sadr City district.

"I do not know how the poor people in Baghdad will manage their life in the coming days. God be with them until this crisis is over because hun-

ger is as dangerous as bullets."

In the meantime, dozens of men climbed into the back of army trucks at volunteer centers, chanting Shiite religious slogans, hoisting assault rifles and pledging to join the nation's beleaguered security forces to battle the Sunni militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL.

"By God's will, we will be victorious," said one volunteer, Ali Saleh Aziz. "We will not be stopped by the ISIL or any other terrorists."

The volunteers were first taken to an assembly center in eastern Baghdad, where they were handed military uniforms, and later went to Taji, home of Iraq's largest military base north of Baghdad, to undergo basic training. State-run television aired footage of the volunteers being drilled, still in their civilian clothes.

## Videos open window on Guantanamo hunger strike

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba** (AP)—The U.S. military has long insisted it employs only humane methods to keep hunger-striking prisoners alive at Guantanamo. That assertion is under new scrutiny due to a judicial order.

Attorneys for a Syrian prisoner have begun studying hours of video showing him being removed from his cell, placed in a restraint chair and fed by a tube with liquid nutrients.

They are looking for evidence of what he has portrayed as abusive force-feeding, akin to torture, during the months that he has participated in a hunger strike that drew the attention of President Barack Obama and led to a renewed effort to close the prison on this U.S. base in Cuba.

In May, U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler said the

manner used to feed Dhiab caused "unnecessary suffering" and imposed a temporary order barring the feeding procedure.

She lifted it a week later to avoid endangering his life from starvation, but ordered

the military to turn over 34 videos of Dhiab being removed from his cell and fed. She has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday to discuss the status of the case.

"It's really kind of a modest thing to ask a court to order our military not to torture these men," lawyer Jon Eisenberg said about both this prisoner, Abu Wa'el Dhiab, and others who have been fed through a nasal tube while on hunger strike.

Lawyers, who have never been allowed to witness the procedure in person, said they expected to study the first

batch of videos, about 10 hours of them, over the weekend at a special facility for viewing classified evidence near the Pentagon. They also plan to seek videos of at least three other prisoners.

"Of course, I expect it to be upsetting," said Cori Crider, a member of the legal team. "They say it's humane, but that's totally not the way Dhiab and dozens of other people have reported it to me."

Military officials, who call the hunger strike a propaganda stunt, reject the phrase "force-feeding." They say the video will show nothing more than guards and medical personnel doing their jobs in a difficult situation.

"We don't force feed anyone," said Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, who oversees the prison as commander of U.S. Southern Command.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Ukraine vows to punish rebels who downed plane

**NOVOHANNIVKA, Ukraine** (AP)—Ukraine's

new president declared Sunday a day of mourning and vowed to punish those responsible after pro-Russia separatists shot down a Ukrainian military transport plane, killing all 49 crew and troops aboard. It was a bitter setback for the Ukrainian forces—the deadliest single incident yet in their escalating battle against an armed insurgency that the government, backed by the U.S., insists is supported by Russia. The downing of the plane drew condemnation and concern from the White

House, European leaders and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon. Analysts said it could bring a renewed emphasis on increasing sanctions against Russia. "(This) will refocus attention on the fact that Russia does not seem to be doing very much to moderate the insurgency (or) the cross-border resupply of separatists," said Timothy Ash, an analyst at Standard Bank PLC. "I would expect the focus to return to sanctions next week."

#### Israel arrests 80 Palestinians in search for teens

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israel's military arrested around 80 Palestinians in the West Bank, including members of the mili-

tant group Hamas, early Sunday as part of efforts to locate three teenagers, including an American, believed abducted in the territory while hitchhiking home. "Palestinian terrorists will not feel safe, will not be able to hide and will feel the heavy arm of the Israeli military capabilities," spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu holds the Western-backed Palestinian Authority responsible for the Thursday night disappearance of the teens. The Palestinians' self-rule government, which administers 38 percent of the West Bank, has rejected blame, saying the teens went missing in territory under full Israeli control.

# Health & Fitness

## Study: Teens are drinking less but texting more

**NEW YORK** (AP)—American teens are smoking less, drinking less and fighting less. But they're texting behind the wheel and spending a lot of time on video games and computers, according to the government's latest study of worrisome behavior.

Generally speaking, the news is good. Most forms of drug use, weapons use and risky sex have been going down since the government started doing the survey every two years in 1991. Teens are wearing bicycle helmets and seat belts more, too.

"Overall, young people have more healthy behaviors than they did 20 years ago," said Dr. Stephanie Zaza, who oversees the study at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The results come from a study of 13,000 U.S. high school students last spring. Participation was voluntary and required parental permission, but responses were anonymous.

Highlights of the study, released Thursday:

### SMOKING

Fewer than 16 percent of the teens smoked a cigarette in the previous month—the lowest level since the government started doing the survey, when the rate was more than 27 percent. Another CDC study had already put the teen smoking rate below 16 percent, but experts tend to treat this survey's result as the official number. It's "terrific news for America's health," said Matt Myers, president of the Campaign for



In this Dec. 14, 2011, file photo, a driver uses an iPhone while driving in Los Angeles. AP

Tobacco-Free Kids. Even so, there are still about 2.7 million teens smoking, he said.

The survey did not ask about electronic cigarettes, which have exploded in popularity in the past few years.

Meanwhile, more than 23 percent of teens said they used marijuana in the previous month—up from 15 percent in 1991. CDC officials said they could not tell whether marijuana or e-cigarettes have replaced traditional cigarettes among teens.

### TEXTING

Among teen drivers, 41 percent had texted or emailed behind the wheel in the previous month. That figure can't be compared to the 2011 survey, though, because the CDC changed the question this time.

The latest survey gives texting-while-driving figures for 37 states—ranging from 32 percent in Massachusetts to 61 percent in South Dakota.

### DRINKING

Fewer teens said they drank alcohol. Drinking of soda was down, too. About 35 percent said they had had booze in the previous month, down from 39 percent in 2011. About 27 percent said they drank soda each day. That was only a slight change from 2011 but a sizable drop from 34 percent in 2007.

### SEX

The proportion of teens who had sex in the previous three months held steady at about 34 percent from 2011. Among them, condom use was unchanged at about 60 percent.

That compares to 62 percent of single guys and 57 percent of men with live-in partners, the vast majority of them women.

For the 45 to 64 age group, it was 83 percent for married men; 74 percent for singles and about 69 percent of those shacking up.

The researchers saw the same pattern for the screenings tests.

Joe Blumberg, a study co-author, said women living with men may be more reluctant than wives to ask personal health questions or prod men to see a doctor.

Andy Hughes, a 47-year-old Atlanta carpenter, put it more succinctly.

"Marriage implies the right to browbeat your husband," said Hughes, who never married but has lived with women twice—including his current relationship.

Younger men tend to live with women more often than older men, according to census data. But the researchers saw the same pattern for getting checkups in two age groups.

Among men ages 18 to 44, the survey found, about 69 percent of the married men had been to a doctor in the last year.



who spent three or more hours on an average school day on other kinds of recreational screen time, such as playing video or computer games or using a computer or smartphone for something other than schoolwork. That number rose to 41 percent, from 31 percent in 2011.

Health experts advise that teens get no more than two hours of recreational screen time a day, and that includes all screens—including Xboxes, smartphones and televisions.

Although video-gaming is up, particularly among teen boys, some researchers believe most of the screen-time increase is due to social media use. And it's probably not a good thing, they say.

Through texts and social media, young people are doing more communicating and living in an online world in which it's easier to think they're the center of the universe, said Marina Kremar, a Wake Forest University professor who studies teen screen time. That can lead to a form of extended adolescence, she said.

It can also distract youngsters from schoolwork, exer-

cise and other healthy activities, she said.

### FIGHTING

Fights at school fell by half in the past 20 years. And there was a dramatic drop in kids reporting they had been in a fight anywhere in the preceding year—about 25 percent, down from 33 percent two years earlier. The addition of more guards and other security measures may be a factor, said school violence expert Todd DeMitchell of the University of New Hampshire.

Fighting may be down, but it's not uncommon, according to some teens at the High School of Fashion Industries in lower Manhattan. Two students said they saw roughly one fight a week.

"It's like 'The Hunger Games,'" said 14-year-old Maya Scott. She said she had been in a fight during the current school year.

A few minutes later, as if to prove her point, three girls exchanged words and nearly came to blows outside the front entrance before a school lunch worker stepped in and separated them.

### Personal Trainer

#### Striding for faster running

*Cardio workouts will not increase your running speed; for that, you need strength and coordination exercises, such as "strider" drills.*

##### Warm up

Trot or jog for at least 15 minutes



Stretch for 10 minutes



1 Start running and accelerate smoothly up to full speed

2 Maintain top speed for 50 yards (50 m); take steps as fast as possible

3 Reduce speed smoothly



Exercise takes about 100 yards (100 m)

Repeat Rest as long as you wish before doing another "strider"

#### What your body learns

##### Faster stride rate

Nervous system learns to control technique, maintain balance at higher speed

Muscles learn fast repetition



Longer stride technique  
Strong pushoff from rear foot



Long reach forward with front leg

Source: Running Times, exercise physiologist Pete Pfitzinger  
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# Life & Style

## Angelina Jolie honored by Queen Elizabeth II

**LONDON** (AP)—Angelina Jolie can add royal recognition to Hollywood stardom. The Oscar-winning actress has been named an honorary dame—the female version of a knight—by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Jolie, a United Nations special envoy, received the honor on Friday for her work combating sexual violence in war zones.

Jolie, who won a supporting actress Academy Award in 2000 for "Girl, Interrupted," has spoken of scaling back her movie roles to focus on humanitarian work. She said that "to receive an honor related to foreign policy means a great deal to me, as it is what I wish to dedicate my working life to."

Because she is not a British or Commonwealth citizen, Jolie won't be entitled to use the title "dame" before her name. Previous U.S. recipients of honorary knighthoods include director Steven Spielberg, Microsoft founder Bill Gates and former President Ronald Reagan.

Jolie, who was in London this week to co-host an international summit on sexual violence, was among hundreds of people recognized in the queen's annual Birthday Honors List for services to their community or national life.

Most of the honors go to people who are not in the lime-light—from soldiers and civil servants to academics and entre-

preneurs—but there is always a sprinkling of famous names.

Three-time Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis was made a knight "for services to drama" and can now call himself Sir Daniel. The actor, who won Academy Awards for "My Left Foot," "There Will Be Blood" and "Lincoln," said he was "entirely amazed and utterly delighted in equal measure." There were damehoods for novelist Hilary Mantel, author of the prize-winning Tudor page-turners "Wolf Hall" and "Bring Up the Bodies," and for fashion designer Zandra Rhodes.

Actress Maggie Smith, who plays the imperious Dowager Countess of Grantham on

TV's "Downton Abbey," was made a Companion of Honor, an award limited to 65 people "of distinction."

"Homeland" star Damian Lewis was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, or OBE.

The British actor said he was "very surprised but very happy" with the honor.

"I decided to do the very un-British thing of accepting the compliment," Lewis said.

OBEs also went to Beatles expert and author Hunter Davies, musician Talvin Singh, and John Simpson, longtime editor of the Oxford English Dictionary.

In the field of science, there

was a knighthood for physicist Thomas Kibble, whose work contributed to the discovery of the Higgs boson—the so-called "God particle."

Among those honored for charity work was the late Stephen Sutton, a teenager who raised 4 million pounds (\$6.8 million) while battling terminal cancer. Sutton, who died in May at age 19, was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire, or MBE.

Sylvia Lancaster, who founded a campaign against hate crime after her daughter, Sophie, was attacked and killed by a gang of youths in 2007 because of her Goth appearance, received an OBE.

Recipients covered a wide range of achievements, from

### Checker to Rock Hall: Induct me or 'drop dead'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Chubby Checker wants the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to know it's time to induct him into its exclusive club before it's too late.

"I don't want to get in there when I'm 85 years old. I'll tell them to drop dead, so you better do it quick while I'm still smiling," Checker said Thursday.

Checker's recording of "The Twist," and subsequent "Let's Twist Again" are considered among the most popular songs in the history of rock 'n' roll.

"Let's Twist Again" was the first rock 'n' roll song that received a Grammy (in 1962)," Checker said.

The 72-year-old recording artist equates a place in the Cleveland-based hall to the ability to sustain his career.

"If you put me in when I'm too old to make a living, then it's no good for me to be in there."

He added: "The Rolling Stones, they're in there. The Beastie Boys are in there, they're young. Hall and Oates

confectioner Chantal Coady, honored "for services to chocolate making," to civil service debt manager Barry Cox—"for services to debt"—and Arthur Dean, president of the Dwarf Sports Association. He was recognized for services to people with restricted growth and to disabled sport.

Britain's honors are bestowed by the monarch, but recipients are selected by committees of civil servants from nominations made by the government and the public.

In descending order, the honors are knighthoods; Commander of the Order of the British Empire or CBE; OBE; and MBE. Knights are addressed as "sir" or "dame." Recipients of the other honors have no title, but can put the letters after their names.

were just in there and they're still making money."

He made the comments on the red carpet for the annual Songwriters Hall of Fame gala in New York where Checker performed "Let's Twist Again" for the ASCAP Centennial celebration. A representative for the Rock Hall didn't immediately return an email seeking comment.

At the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in April, Daryl Hall mentioned that Hall and Oates was the first Philadelphia-based band to be inducted. And after mentioning Chubby Checker, he said: "Why isn't he in?"

And he's not alone. Before going into the ceremony, legendary songwriter Kenny Gamble—of the songwriting team Gamble and Huff—said he feels Checker is long overdue.

"I think Chubby Checker should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He's the only person I know to have the same song go to No. 1 twice."

**Kanye West returns to Bonnaroo, with Kim in tow**

**MANCHESTER, Tenn.** (AP)—With new wife Kim Kardashian looking on along with 80,000 fans, Kanye West showed up pretty much on time at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival.

West seemed to be in a good mood Friday night at the annual festival just three weeks after his marriage to Kardashian in Florence, Italy. The 37-year-old rapper made no mention of his new wife, but Kardashian was on hand for the show. She watched from the soundboard, about 50 yards from her husband on the main stage, in stylish—but muddy Bonnaroo-unfriendly—high heels and white pants. She sang along and occasionally waved her hands in the air with the crowd.

The show comes six years

after West famously began his first Bonnaroo appearance at 4:30 a.m. following technical delays with his set. West mentioned that appearance, again skewering Pearl Jam for delaying his start and the media he says inaccurately portrayed the reasons for his late start.

At one point, West stopped his set and repeatedly shouted: "Where the press at? Where the press at?"

There were many reporters on hand to catch the performance, marking what time he'd show up. West appeared 10 minutes after his listed start time and played a mix of hits and cuts from his 2013 album "Yeezus," which offered the most visually arresting moments of the night. He wrapped his set with the powerful "Blood on the Leaves" after about 90 minutes, 20 minutes before his scheduled finish.

The show, played under a full moon, included elements from West's recent arena tour, including one of the masks he wore. But he ditched the snow-capped mountain and white Jesus in favor of a 30-foot-tall LED screen. West performed mostly in silhouette, relying on the big screen to relay his distorted image to much of the crowd. Though most sang along with West, many fans could not see the artist perform.

Many of the elements in the show will be familiar to fans who've seen him recently. He gave a pep talk at one point, encouraging creative people to pursue their dreams. And he compared himself to John Lennon, Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison, calling himself the biggest rock star in the world.



US actress Angelina Jolie Special Envoy of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, accompanied by her partner and US actor Brad Pitt arrive at the 'End Sexual Violence in Conflict' summit in London, Friday, June 13, 2014.

### San Francisco ups campaign to win Lucas museum

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—San Francisco politicians and property groups are rolling out the welcome mat for George Lucas' collection of American art and movie memorabilia in an effort to keep the "Star Wars" creator from building his proposed museum to Chicago or Los Angeles.

Mayor Ed Lee had banners reading "George Lucas, please build your museum in San Francisco for the world to enjoy" hung Friday at both City Hall and the waterfront parcel known as Seawall Lot 330 that the city hopes will be the future home of the Lucas Cultural Arts Museum, the San Francisco Chronicle reports (<http://bit.ly/1p51d3Y>).

Lee and a gaggle of former mayors that included Willie

Brown and Dianne Feinstein also sent Lucas a letter this week assuring him of their support. Art Agnos, another former mayor who was a vocal opponent of an earlier proposal for a hotel and condominiums on the Seawall Lot 330 site, was among the signers.

"As current and former Mayors of San Francisco, we recognize the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that the Lucas Cultural Arts Museum will bring to our City's residents, its young people and visitors from all around the world," the group wrote. "We wholeheartedly believe your museum—and gift to education and the arts—belongs here in San Francisco."

A neighborhood association that joined Agnos in fighting the hotel-condo project has added its

voice to the chorus backing the Lucas museum. The board of the South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association sent its own letter to Lucas this week expressing its backing. An association that represents condominium owners at a complex that already sits on the seawall site did the same.

"If you decide to put your venue on our (shared) parcel, we would be happy to support your efforts at City Hall and the Port to assure smooth sailing through our sometimes-frustrating process here in San Francisco," Watermark Building association president Mahesh Khatwani said. "If you have the support of your neighbors—and you will—you will have no problem making your dream come true."

The show comes six years

# NBC's Matt Lauer is sticking with 'Today' show

**NEW YORK** (AP)—With things looking up for the "Today" show after a dark period, Matt Lauer decided to stick around and NBC is happy to have him.



Lauer

The network said Friday that Lauer had agreed to a contract extension to continue as co-host of the morning show, as he's been since 1997. The show is trying to recover the dominance it lost to rival "Good Morning America" the past few years.

Lauer's popularity took a major hit two years ago following the messy departure of co-host Ann Curry. Despite that, NBC's own research showed that losing Lauer would be much more damaging, and his bosses let him know he was still wanted. He told management last week that he wanted to stay, and an agreement was reached quickly. Lauer told his "Today" colleagues Thursday that he'd be staying, said an NBC executive who spoke on condition of anonymity because the network doesn't talk publicly

**Kelly Clarkson announces birth of daughter**

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kelly Clarkson has something to sing about: She's celebrating the birth of her first child.

The Grammy winner announced the arrival of her daughter, named River Rose Blackstock, in a Saturday post on Twitter.

She says the baby arrived on June 12, and she and her husband are "on cloud 9."

Her rep confirmed the tweet.

The 32-year-old singer, known for hits like "Stronger" and "Since U Been Gone," married music manager Brandon Blackstock last year.

about contracts.

Lauer's popularity has stabilized over the past year, with the percentage of negative impressions decreasing, according to Marketing Evaluations Inc., a Long Island company that measures the likability of TV personalities.

"Matt really isn't the problem with the show," said Shelley Ross, who competed against Lauer as the former top producer at the ABC and CBS morning shows. "Matt still, I think, is one of the all-time anchor greats. I clearly think the 'Today' show is rattled. It's not the confident show it once was."

Some of Lauer's potential in-house successors—Willie Geist, Carson Daly and Josh Elliott—will have time now for more seasoning.

The top network morning shows all saw viewership gains during the TV season just concluded. "Good Morning America" went up 8 percent over last year to an average of 5.7 million each morning, "Today" went up 9 percent to 5.1 million and "CBS This Morning" increased 11 percent to 3.1 million, the Nielsen company said. Among

younger viewers that "Today" counts on for advertising sales, it's much closer between the two top shows.

NBC said Lauer's extension was for multiple years, although it would not specify how long. Lauer's last extension was announced in 2012. Terms weren't

disclosed; as the longest-lasting host in the most profitable time of day for broadcast news divisions, Lauer is certainly one of the highest-paid people in TV news.

"We couldn't be more thrilled with Matt's decision," said NBC News President Deborah Turness. "As I've said many

times before, he's the best in the business, and there is nobody I would rather have in the 'Today' anchor chair than Matt."

Lauer, 56, said in a statement that "I consider this the best job in broadcasting. I love the people I work with every day and I have such respect and gratitude for the

people I work for. I couldn't be happier to be staying."

Lauer began as a news anchor on "Today" in 1994 and replaced Bryant Gumbel as co-host three years later. He's worked with Katie Couric, Meredith Vieira, Curry and now Savannah Guthrie as co-hosts.

## Troops parade in London for queen's birthday

**LONDON** (AP)—Hundreds of British soldiers in tall bearskin hats and ceremonial dress marched Saturday in central London for the "Trooping the Color" parade, an annual display of pomp and pageantry that marks the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

monarch traditionally marks her birthday publicly in June.

Other senior royals also turned out for the ceremony: Prince William and his father, Prince Charles, rode on horse-

back. The Duchess of Cambridge, William's wife Kate, rode in a carriage with Charles' wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, but left her baby boy George at home.

A huge crowd later gathered at Buckingham Palace, where the royal family appeared together on the balcony to watch a ceremonial Royal Air Force fly-past.



AP

British soldiers ride their horses as the escort Queen Elizabeth II in a horse drawn carriage as she returns to Buckingham Palace, during the Trooping The Colour parade, in central London, Saturday, June 14, 2014.

## 'After Midnight' to close by the end of the month

only been a modest draw at the box office.

A rotating group of stars have led the show, including Fantasia Barrino, k.d. lang, Toni Braxton, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and Vanessa Williams. Songs include "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" and "Stormy Weather." Dule Hill, known from TV's "Psych," is the emcee.

It will have run 19 previews and 272 regular performances.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kathy Griffin is taking her comedy online as host of the Daytime Emmy awards as the event heads to a new home on the Internet.

The 41st annual awards will be presented June 22 from the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills.

Griffin joked that her only

regret is that the epic evening will distract millions of viewers from enjoying this year's World Cup.

The awards were televised on the HLN cable network the past two years. But when the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and various cable outlets couldn't strike a deal, the academy decided to move the

show online.

Awards will be handed out in 25 categories, including several new ones, during the live stream.

The academy hopes to attract more worldwide fans through social media sites such as YouTube, Facebook, Google Hangout, Twitter, Vine and Instagram.

## Having a baby won't fix fighting couple's problems

**D**EAR ABBY: Lately I have been having problems with my live-in boyfriend, "Ethan." We fight about everything, and he refuses to admit when he's wrong. Ethan has been sleeping on the couch for a week waiting for me to take the first step and reconcile.

He isn't working and I am, and that is probably what has him so mad. I pay all the bills, and he thinks I feel superior because I'm bringing in money and he's not.

We argue day and night, swear and scream at each other, and he does not appreciate everything I'm doing so we can survive. I have two daughters, he has one, and I'm supporting all of us.

Do you think it's a good idea for us to have a baby? Ethan is desperate for a child with me -- even though we can't get along or communicate.

MARY JANE IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR MARY JANE:** Not only do I think it's not a good idea, but I think it's a terrible idea. Babies are expensive, and you're already carrying a heavy load. I suspect that Ethan thinks a baby will fix what's wrong in your relationship, but he's wrong. Don't do it! It would be a huge mistake.

**DEAR ABBY:** In the summer of 1995, I was a 12-year-old girl

living in a motel in a suburb of Cleveland with my mother, older brother and younger sister. We were poor and very hungry.

My mother led my younger sister and me to a doughnut shop for our only meal of the day. After waiting for everyone to leave, my mother approached the young woman behind the counter and asked to buy some doughnuts with our foreign coins. It was the only money we had.

Instead of turning us away, she told my mother: "We're allowed to give away a certain number of free doughnuts every day. Just tell me what you want." (I don't know if this was true.) It was because of her kindness that my family ate that day.

If that kind woman is reading this, I want to say: "Thank you. You made the hunger go away for just a little bit, so a mother and her children could go a day without pain. You remain forever in a little girl's heart."

URSALA IN MESSINA, ITALY

**DEAR URСALA:** I, too, hope your benefactor sees your letter. Her generosity that day provided nourishment not only for your bodies, but also for your faith in the humanity of others — and I am sure you have emulated her example in the years that have followed. After all, isn't that what acts of kindness are all about?

**DEAR ABBY:** Once a year I invite my mother, who lives in Arizona,

## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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to visit me in California. This year, Mom has decided to bring one of my sisters along because "she really needs a vacation."

My sisters live in the same city as Mom and can visit her anytime they please. I see Mom once a year at most, and I do not want to share my limited time with her. How do I let my sisters know they're not welcome without causing a family rift?

WANTS QUALITY TIME WITH MOM

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# Rockies score twice in ninth to stun Giants



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—Brandon Barnes

hit a two-run, inside-the-park home run in the ninth inning and the Colorado Rockies rallied for the second straight day to stun the San Francisco Giants 5-4 Saturday.

Charlie Blackmon singled with two outs off Giants closer Sergio Romo (3-3) before Barnes lined a hit to center field. San Francisco's Angel Pagan misplayed the ball and it skipped to the fence as Blackmon and Barnes raced around the bases.

Barnes, who had a walkoff triple to beat the Dodgers on June 7, had flown out to center in three consecutive at-bats before helping Colorado extend its winning streak to four games.

It's the second consecutive blown save and fourth this season for Romo, who gave up five runs in the ninth inning of Friday's 7-4 loss to Colorado.

## Angels 11, Braves 6, 13 innings

In Atlanta, Kole Calhoun's bases-loaded single in the 13th inning drove in the go-ahead run and Los Angeles recovered after blowing a four-run lead in the ninth to beat Atlanta.

Mike Trout and Albert Pujols each had three hits, including homers back-to-back in the sixth inning, and drove in four runs.

Erick Aybar led off the 13th with his fourth hit, an infield single, and moved to second on catcher Gerald Laird's passed ball. David Hale (2-1) walked pinch-hitter C.J. Wilson and hit Chris Iannetta with a pitch to load the bases.

Calhoun's soft fly ball fell just in front of center fielder B.J. Upton, who attempted a sliding catch. Trout's two-run double and Pujols' two-run single pushed the lead to five runs.

The teams combined to use 16 pitchers in a game that lasted nearly 5 hours.

Fernando Salas (4-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

## Athletics 5, Yankees 1

In Oakland, California, Eric Sogard drove in two runs and threw out a runner at the plate to help Oakland win a game delayed 38 minutes by a partial power outage.

The game was stopped in the middle of the fourth inning after a panel of lights went out above left field. The A's said the circuit breaker turned off and had to be manually reset.

New York's four-game winning streak ended because of its own errors. Two passed balls by backup catcher John Ryan Murphy, who was inserted in the lineup after Mark Teixeira was scratched with tightness in his rib cage, helped Oakland score twice in the fifth.

Scott Kazmir (8-2) allowed

one unearned run and three hits in six innings for his third straight win. Dan Otero pitched two perfect innings before Sean Doolittle closed out the ninth.

The A's tagged Hiroki Kuroda (4-5) with four runs and five hits in 4 2-3 innings. He pitched a perfect fourth after the delay but lost his rhythm in the fifth.

## Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Los Angeles, Dan Haren pitched into the seventh inning and hit a tiebreaking three-run double to lead Los Angeles.

Dee Gordon hit a rare home run for the Dodgers, who are 10-3 against the Diamondbacks and 27-30 against everyone else. With six games left between the NL West rivals, this is the earliest the Dodgers have ever clinched a season series with Arizona. They began the year by sweeping a two-game set Down Under in Sydney.

Haren (7-4) allowed three runs and eight hits, including a one-out single in the seventh by pinch-hitter Jordan Pacheco that chased the former Diamondbacks right-hander.

Kenley Jansen got three outs for his 19th save despite giving up a leadoff homer in the ninth by Martin Prado — his third hit of the game and 1,000th of his career.

Arizona right-hander Josh Collmenter (4-4) gave up six runs and eight hits through six innings.

## Phillies 7, Cubs 4

In Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins singled in the fifth to pass Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt as Philadelphia's hits leader and Domonic Brown capped the inning with a three-run homer.

Rollins got hit No. 2,235 off Edwin Jackson, sending a 3-1 pitch into right field to open the fifth. The game was then delayed for an on-field celebration.

Chase Utley also homered for Philadelphia, which has won four of five following a dismal 1-8 stretch.

David Buchanan (2-3), in his fifth start for injured lefty Cliff Lee (elbow), allowed three runs and six hits in five innings.

Schmidt, a Phillies TV analyst for Sunday games, retrieved Rollins' bat and greeted the 2007 NL MVP with a high-five and hug at first base. The Phillies then came out of the dugout to offer congratulatory hugs and handshakes.

## Rangers 4, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Leonys Martin hit a run-scoring single with two outs in the ninth and Texas extended Seattle's losing streak to five games.

Luis Sardinas singled off Fernando Rodney (1-3) with one out in the ninth and moved to second on a groundout. Martin then hit a grounder just past the glove of a diving Kyle Seager at third base, scoring Sardinas



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Colorado Rockies right fielder Brandon Barnes (1) celebrates with teammates after the Rockies defeated the San Francisco Giants, 5-4, in a baseball game in San Francisco, Saturday, June 14, 2014.

without a play at the plate.

Neal Cotts (2-3) earned the win with 1 2-3 innings of relief, striking out four. Joakim Soria pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save in 16 chances.

The Mariners tied the game in the seventh after a Rangers fielding gaffe loaded the bases. Robinson Cano followed with a soft line drive to right, scoring Willie Bloomquist to tie it 3-all.

## Indians 3, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Jason Kipnis had three hits and Cleveland rallied for two runs in the seventh inning to snap a four-game losing streak.

Asdrubal Cabrera and Michael Brantley each had a pair of hits for the Indians, who had lost eight of their past nine games at Fenway Park. John Axford (2-3) earned the win with one scoreless inning in relief of T.J. House.

Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Craig Breslow (2-2) took the loss, allowing two unearned runs and two hits and a walk in two-thirds of an inning.

## Brewers 4, Reds 2

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun

hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to lift Milwaukee to victory.

With one out in the eighth inning, Scooter Gennett ended up with a double after blooping a ball to center that Billy Hamilton got his glove on but couldn't hold. Braun then drove the first pitch from reliever J.J. Hoover (1-5) over the right field fence for his 10th homer of the season.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his 21st save in 23 opportunities. Will Smith (1-0) got the win despite giving up a game-tying home run to Hamilton in the eighth inning.

Reds starter Mat Latos went six shutout innings in his season debut, giving up two hits while striking out four. He started the season on the disabled list while recovering from elbow and knee surgeries.

Brewers starter Yovani Gallardo allowed one run on six hits in seven innings and struck out eight.

## Royals 9, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Danny Duffy matched a career high with nine strikeouts and Kansas City

extended its winning streak to six games.

Duffy (4-5) scattered five hits over seven-plus shutout innings for Kansas City.

Mike Moustakas homered among his three hits as the Royals won their second straight in this weekend series.

The Royals scored five times in the fourth—four with none out—to chase Chicago starter Hector Noesi (2-5).

## Tigers 12, Twins 9

In Detroit, rookie Eugenio Suarez hit a leadoff homer and a run-scoring double in a seven-run third inning to lead slumping Detroit to victory.

The Tigers led 11-1 after six innings, but their struggling bullpen had trouble finishing off the game.

Detroit came into the game having lost 17 of 24 after a fast start to the season, but it was helped by another strong pitching performance. Anibal Sanchez (3-2) was charged with three runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Pittsburgh right-hander Charlie Morton pitched seven effective innings for his third consecutive win. He allowed two runs and five hits to improve to 4-1 with a 2.40 ERA in his last five starts.

allowed a one-out RBI triple to Eduardo Nunez. Evan Reed then came in, and Nunez scored on a passed ball.

Samuel Deduno (2-5) lasted just 2 2-3 innings for Minnesota, which had won three in a row. The right-hander allowed seven runs and seven hits, struck out three and walked two.

## Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2

In Baltimore, Chris Davis homered to back Bud Norris' effective pitching for Baltimore.

Davis hit a two-run shot off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (6-5) to put Baltimore up 3-1 in the fifth inning. It was the 11th homer of the year for Davis, who led the majors last year with 53.

Norris (6-5) gave up one run and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander extended an impressive run by Orioles starters, who have allowed two runs or fewer in 13 of the last 16 games.

After Toronto closed to 3-2 in the eighth, Zach Britton got three outs for his seventh save.

## Astros 7, Rays 3

In Houston, Matt Dominguez broke out of a slump with two hits that included a three-run double in Houston's big third inning.

Dominguez was 1 for 12 in the first three games of this homestand before singling in the second inning. The Astros led by one when he cleared the bases with his double in a five-run third inning that made it 5-1.

Jarred Cosart (6-5) allowed nine hits and three runs in seven innings in his longest outing since May 5.

Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer (3-4) was done in by an error and a lack of control in his shortest start this season. He allowed three hits and six runs—one earned—with three walks in three innings.

## Pirates 8, Marlins 6

In Miami, Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and Jody Mercer also went deep for Pittsburgh.

Josh Harrison and Chris Stewart had three hits apiece, and the Pirates finished with 18 overall in their sixth consecutive game in double digits. Touted rookie Gregory Polanco had two hits and two RBIs.

Marcell Ozuna and Jeff Baker each hit a two-run homer in the ninth for Miami. Randy Wolf (1-3) allowed five runs and nine hits in four innings.

The Pirates (34-34) have won four straight and five of six to get back to .500 for the first time since they were 8-8 following a victory over Milwaukee on April 17.

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# LeBron with a simple message: 'Why not us?'



**SAN ANTONIO**  
(AP)—Early Sunday evening, LeBron James will gather his Miami Heat teammates around him and offer a few final words of wisdom before they try to extend their reign as NBA champions.

James never rehearses the speech, but already knows what the gist will be.

"It would be in the range of, 'Why not us?'" James said Saturday. "Why not us? History is broken all the time. And obviously we know we're against the greatest of odds."

Against the greatest of odds, against maybe the greatest of San Antonio Spurs teams, too. Both are very much against the Heat now, and both are winning. The Spurs are a victory away from their fifth championship, and will go for it at home Sunday night in Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

The Spurs are the 32nd team in NBA history to hold a 3-1 lead in the finals. All 31 of the previous teams have won the title.

"History is made to be broken, and why not me be a part of it? That would be great," James said. "That would be a great story line, right? But we'll see what happens. I've got to live in the moment, though, before we even get to that point."

The Spurs have the same way of thinking.

They took command of the finals in stunning fashion by not just winning in Miami, but winning twice—and winning big. San Antonio won Games 3 and 4 on the road by a combined 40 points, never trailing by more than two in either contest and running out to 25-point leads in each.

"We've got to act like we're coming into it like it's a road game," Spurs guard Danny Green said. "It's a mentality thing. We have to come up with the same mentality we do on the road and try to protect home court and play with desperation."

There was no talk from the Spurs on Saturday about closing in on a title, or anything remotely close to that topic. They thought they had it wrapped up with 28 seconds left in Game 6 last season against Miami and saw it slip away - so even with a 3-1 lead and being at home instead the road for this potential clinching situation, it's pretty clear that San Antonio isn't willing to leave anything to chance.

"They're going to come out and give us their best punch possible," Spurs star Tim Duncan said. "We know that they're back-to-back champs and they've been in this situation before and they have all the confidence in the world that they can win these games. So we have to do just the same."



AP

Miami Heat forward LeBron James responds to a question during a media availability for the NBA basketball finals on Saturday, June 14, 2014, in San Antonio.

Come out there and say, hey, we're going to take it little by little, quarter by quarter, and see what happens."

That all sounds good, and he meant every word.

Thing is, the Heat—these Heat, anyway—haven't been in this situation before. Since James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh teamed up, the Heat have never trailed 3-1 in a series.

Until now.

"We're not so entitled or jaded that we're above having to fight for it, and that's what it

is right now," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's competition. So we've got to find a way to fight and get this next game, and that's what it's all about."

Miami took a day off Friday. Mario Chalmers played with his son, James watched some film and rested at home, Udonis Haslem tried to relax with family. Wade, who missed nine of his first 10 shots—raising questions about his health—went a different way.

He went into the gym, by him-

self, looking for answers.

"I have very good reason that everything could change," Wade said. "As I continue to say throughout the season, it's a game-to-game thing."

Wade was down 2-0 in the 2006 finals, and trailed by 13 points in the fourth quarter of Game 3 of that series against Dallas. The Heat won that championship in six games.

"You have to pull from your experiences," Wade said, "and know where you came from to

know where you're trying to go."

That also applies to the Spurs.

Losing the last two games of the finals last year still stings San Antonio. That series was portrayed widely as the Spurs' last hurrah—an aging team with old stars, there's no way they could come back from something

as devastating as letting the 2013 championship slip away, right?

Wrong.

The Spurs finished with the best record in the regular sea-

son, and are one win shy of just being the best team, period.

"Whatever success anyone has is due to a lot of factors," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Some of it is not even your doing. Sometimes things just happen. So success is a pretty complicated thing."

So are comebacks.

But James is eager for the chance.

"For me, it's like you either don't make the playoffs or you win a championship," James said. "There's no in-between."

## It's the role players who have the Spurs rolling

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—Tony Parker is still thankful for the role players who helped carry San Antonio to its last NBA title in 2007.

There was Robert Horry, a seven-time champion and official finals good-luck charm if there ever was one. Michael Finley, who was hitting 3-pointers at a much better rate in those playoffs than he did in the regular season that year. Fabricio Oberto, who probably never had a play called for him but found ways to get things done.

The Spurs had a 'Big 3' then, the same one that they have now.

But three is rarely enough, and that's been proven once again in these NBA Finals.

Kawhi Leonard and Boris Diaw have been exactly what San Antonio needed in this matchup against the Miami Heat, and might be the two biggest reasons why the Spurs are one win away from their fifth NBA championship. The Spurs lead these fi-

nals 3-1, and will look to end Miami's reign in Game 5 at home on Sunday night.

"If you want to win championships, obviously you need a 'Big 3,'" Parker said. "But you need your role players to play great too. And every time we won championships in the past, the 'Big 3,' we played great, but we had great role players. ... If you want to go all the way, you need the whole team to play great."

That's what the Spurs are getting.

Parker is leading the Spurs in scoring, Tim Duncan is leading in rebounding and the Western Conference champions are outscoring Miami by 62 points so far with Manu Ginobili on the floor—so yes, the 'Big 3' is doing its part.

But when the Spurs took control of the series by winning Games 3 and 4 in Miami, Leonard led the charge by averaging 24.5 points on 68 percent shooting. And Diaw has 23 assists so far in the se-

ries, more than anyone else and none probably better than his behind-the-back offering out of the post that set Tiago Splitter up for a dunk in Game 4.

There's already talk that Leonard could be in line to win MVP of the finals. In an absolutely not-shocking development, he wanted no part of that talk.

"It feels the same for me as any game going into it," Leonard said of the anticipation level for Game 5. "All I'm thinking about is playing. I'm not worried about what if we win or lose, and we just want to go out and play."

Such is the Spurs' way.

The makeup of a player who perfectly fits into the San Antonio system has remained unchanged for the better part of two decades. He values team play over any individual accolade. He never says too much, particularly about himself. He stays in the moment, avoiding the urge to look ahead or behind.

Leonard and Diaw meet all those characteristics.

"San Antonio is playing great," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They're moving the basketball. They're exploiting where we're normally good, so we have to do a better job.

Even when we've made adjustments, they've still been able to stay in a rhythm and a flow."

It's hard to remember now that Diaw couldn't get minutes with the 2011-12 Charlotte Bobcats—a team that finished with the worst record in NBA history—in part because then-coach Paul Silas was frustrated with Diaw's penchant for passing the ball instead of taking shots at times.

So the Bobcats waived him late that season. The Spurs picked him up and in Game 4 of these finals, Diaw had more assists (nine) than shots (six).

Go figure.

"He really has a high basketball IQ," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of Diaw. "I think he raises the level for

everyone. At the defensive end, he's pretty ready, not the quickest guy in the world, but really smart. Does his work early and understands what's going on. At the offensive end, he can score inside and out, and he passes the ball really well. He's a consummate team sort of guy."

Diaw is just the third player to have a game with at least nine rebounds and nine assists during these playoffs, with Oklahoma City stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook being the others.

For his part, Diaw said he's never cared about scoring. If the team scores, that's good enough for him.

"It's just moving the ball, playing with everybody," Diaw said. "There is nobody really just watching. Everybody's involved, and everybody gets the ball at some point. So it's been good."

Good, indeed.

One more win, and these Spurs officially become great.

# Kaymer protects lead on tough day at Pinehurst

PINEHURST, N.C. — Not even Martin Kaymer was immune from a Pinehurst No. 2 course that restored the reputation of a U.S. Open.

He threw enough counter-punches Saturday to leave him on the cusp of his second major.

On a broiling day with some wicked pin positions that yielded only two rounds under par, Kaymer rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to salvage a 2-over 72 and take a five-shot lead into the final round.

Only one player in U.S. Open history has lost a five-shot lead in the final round, and that was 95 years ago.

"I didn't play as well as the first two days, but I kept it together," Kaymer said.

That was all that was required on a day when the U.S. Open finally looked like the toughest test in golf. Kaymer hit a 7-iron from the sandy area left of the fairway on the par-5 fifth hole to set up a 5-foot eagle putt, and his birdie on the final hole

put him at 8-under 202.

Only the names of challengers changed, but they were sure to stir up the crowd — and the emotions.

Erik Compton, a two-time heart transplant recipient and perhaps the most remarkable story on the PGA Tour, rolled in a 40-foot putt on the 11th hole for one of his six birdies in a round of 67. He was tied at 3-under 207 with Rickie Fowler, a fan favorite of young American golf fans, who also had a 67.

Fowler will play in the final group of a major for the first time.

Only six players remained under par, and considering no one has come from more than seven shots behind in the final round to win a U.S. Open, they might be the only ones left with a realistic chance to catch the 29-year-old German.

Dustin Johnson and Henrik



Stenson each shot 70 and were at 2-under 208. Brandt Snedeker had a 72 and was another shot behind.

Asked how much that birdie mattered on the 18th hole, Kaymer said, "One shot."

"If you're four shots, five shots, six shots, if you play a golf course like this, it can be gone very quickly," he said. "You could see it today. So the challenge tomorrow is to keep going and not try to defend anything. So we'll see how it will react tomorrow, how the body feels and how I handle the situation."

Kaymer had his way with a softer, more gentle Pinehurst No. 2 by becoming the first player to open with 65s to set the 36-hole record at 10-under 130. Some players wondered what tournament he was playing.

There was no doubt what it was on Saturday.

"They've set it up so that no one can go low," Retief Goosen

said after a 71. "Some of the pins look like they're about to fall off the greens."

Toru Taniguchi shot an 88. Brendon Todd, playing in the final group with Kaymer, had a 79.

Phil Mickelson had a 73 and was 13 shots out of the lead. He'll have to wait until next year to pursue the only major keeping him from the career Grand Slam. Adam Scott, the world No. 1, made bogey on all but one of the par 3s and was 11 shots behind.

Kaymer nearly joined the parade of players going the wrong direction.

He ended an amazing streak of 29 holes without a bogey by failing to get up-and-down from short of the second green. Trouble really was brewing on the fourth hole, when he pulled his tee shot into the trees and couldn't play his next shot.

The ball settled in a washed-out section of sand, next to a 6-inch pile of pine straw. He

in the group stage in 2002.

## Colombia 3, Greece 0

Colombia started its first World Cup campaign in 16 years in dazzling fashion, beating Greece 3-0 to open Group C on Saturday in front of a big, loud pro-Colombian crowd.

Costa Rica entered the tournament as one of the biggest underdogs to make it out of the group stage after being drawn with Uruguay, Italy and England, but showed no signs of being in awe as it scored three goals in the second half to seriously dent the South Americans' hopes of advancing.

Uruguay had to leave star

striker Luis Suarez on the bench but went ahead when Edinson Cavani scored a penalty in the 24th minute. However, Costa Rica fought back after the break and lone striker Joel Campbell drove in a ball headed down by Celso Borges in the 54th to beat goalkeeper Fernando Muslera.

Oscar Duarte dived past the outstretched foot of Uruguay's Cristian Stuani to head in the winner for the Central Americans, and substitute Marcos Urena added the third with six minutes left, catching out Muslera to slot the ball in from a tight angle.

It was Costa Rica's first World Cup victory since beating China

gan to spread the wealth in the second canto with Raymond Velasco and Kobe Mendoza, who were scoreless in the first period, chipping in five markers apiece. Four other Ali'i players contributed in the second canto, which ended with Mendoza making three straight charities for their double-digit advantage, 32-20.

Ali'i protected the twin-digit lead, as Flip Top failed to find a way to get its offensive game going with only Darwin Barbo converting back-to-back shots. On the other hand, Ali'i be-

took a one-shot penalty only after learning he could move the pine straw as loose impediments before he took his drop.

"It's all loose. How should I know what's not loose," he asked USGA President Tom O'Toole.

He punched out to the fairway and holed a 15-foot putt to escape with bogey. In the sandy area again on the next hole, Kaymer ripped a 7-iron from 202 yards that caught the front portion of the green and stopped pin-high for his eagle.

His long birdie putt on the par-3 sixth rolled off the back of the green for another bogey, and Kaymer dropped two more shots with three-putt bogeys, one of them from just off the green at No. 15. He also saved par with two putts from off the green, and the birdie was big.

Mike Brady is the only other

player to lose a five-shot lead. That was in 1919 at Brae Burn Country Club in Massachusetts. He shot 80 in the last round, and Walter Hagen beat him the next day in a playoff.

Compton has never won on the PGA Tour, though just playing is a victory for a guy on his third heart. Compton had a heart attack and drove himself to the hospital before his most recent transplant seven years ago.

"I think that my attitude suits a U.S. Open-style course because I don't ever give up," Compton said.

Compton, Brendon de Jonge and Kevin Na were the only players to reach 4-under par in their pursuit of Kaymer. Only Compton managed to stay close. De Jonge bogeyed four of his last seven holes, while Na took two double bogeys in the last five holes.

## BALOTELLI

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performances."

Both teams complained about the heat in Manaus, with Italy coach Cesare Prandelli questioning the decision to not have official timeouts during play.

"We had to slow down our pace to regain our breaths," Prandelli said. "It was impossible to maintain the intensity."

The choice of Manaus as a World Cup host city has been under scrutiny for years, mainly because of the weather conditions and the lack of a top football team in the city. Besides Saturday's game, there will be three more World Cup matches played in the jungle, including Cameroon vs. Croatia on Wednesday. The United States will then face Portugal in Manaus on June 22 and Honduras will play Switzerland on June 25.

But the city's debut on the World Cup stage was one of the most high-profile matches of the group phase, and one of the most high-profile players on the field made the difference.

"This was a very difficult (game) because England are a good team and there was the climate as well," Balotelli said. "We suffered, but then that's typical for Italy. The important

thing is to win."

Although he is one of the most talented strikers in football, there were some predictions heading into the World Cup that he would be dropped in favor of Ciro Immobile.

Immobile, who plays for Torino, scored a hat trick last weekend in a warm-up match against Brazilian club Fluminense. Prandelli, however, decided to stick with his main man.

Balotelli was born to Ghanaian immigrants and raised by Italian foster parents, and has often been forced to deal with racist chanting in Italy. However, the abuse hasn't prevented him from becoming a key player for the national team, including scoring two goals in the semi-final win over Germany at the 2012 European Championship.

Balotelli also nearly found the net in first-half injury time, running deep into the area and enticing Hart to come off his line. The Italy striker stopped, looked toward goal and sent a chip over the keeper's head but Phil Jagielka headed the ball over the bar.

England's attack-minded lineup made frequent runs into the Italy area throughout the match, and came close to scoring several times. When Sturridge did score, England team

the entire output of Flip Top, which made only four field goals with Genesis Mamaril the lone player on the squad hitting more than one basket in the kick-off quarter.

In the second period, Flip Top continued to struggle and was held to another 10-point production and four field goals. Again, only one player nailed more than one two-point basket for Flip Top with Donald Hockett converting back-to-back shots.

On the other hand, Ali'i be-

physio Gary Lewin dislocated his ankle while celebrating the goal.

## Costa Rica 4, Uruguay 1

Costa Rica came from behind to stun Uruguay 3-1 Saturday at the World Cup, opening the tough Group D with a major upset.

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in the group stage in 2002.

## Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1

Didier Drogba came off the bench to inspire Ivory Coast to a 2-1 comeback victory over Japan in a World Cup Group C match on Saturday.

Drogba, who had been carrying an injury, came on in the 62nd minute when his team was losing 1-0.

sistently knocking in his shots in the second half.

In contrast, Ali'i had different players stepping up in every quarter with Bart Demapan dropping all his 10 points in the third frame to give his team a baker's dozen, 47-34. Then in the fourth canto, it was Errol Peredo's turn to produce for Ali'i, drilling eight of his 11 in the payoff period,

while getting enough support from his teammates.

Meanwhile, results of the second match between Gwap

for the host team, 6-2, 6-1. Ramsey marched into the finals after stunning the second-ranked Brian Tuncap Jr. of Guam in a three-set semis tiff last Friday. The second-seeded Ramsey dropped the closely fought opening set, 5-7, before sweeping the last two, 6-2, 6-4, to nail the finals berth at the top half of the bracket.

At the bottom half, Cajigan cruised past the unranked Sydney Gadsden of Guam 6-0, 6-4. Tuncap joined Cajigan and Ramsey in the Top 8 after beating Gadsden, 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, results of the doubles events will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
40	30	.571	—
35	32	.522	3 1/2
35	32	.522	3 1/2
31	37	.456	8
26	43	.377	13 1/2

##### Central Division

Detroit	35	29	.547	—
Kansas City	35	32	.522	1 1/2
Cleveland	34	35	.493	3 1/2
Minnesota	32	34	.485	4
Chicago	33	36	.478	4 1/2

##### West Division

Oakland	41	27	.603	—
Los Angeles	37	30	.552	3 1/2
Seattle	34	34	.500	7
Texas	34	34	.500	7
Houston	32	38	.457	10

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Atlanta	35	32	.522	—
Washington	35	32	.522	—
Miami	34	33	.507	1
New York	30	38	.441	5 1/2
Philadelphia	29	37	.439	5 1/2

##### Central Division

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# The Week in Sports

## Junior tennis players take spotlight

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The CNMI junior tennis players' dominance in the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships is the hands down choice for the top story of the week.

The Jeff Raced-coached squad had four players advancing to the semis in the girls U12 singles and three in the boys division with Malika Miyawaki and Robbie Schorr eventually topping their respective divisions. In the U14 girls, all four CNMI bets also made it to the semifinals with Tania Tan defeating Julia Ishikawa, Ami Tsukagoshi, and Mimi Sakano for the championship. In the boys U14 singles, Luther Lizama marched into the semis, too before settling for the third place finish. In the boys U16

singles, Colin Ramsey pulled off an upset over the second-ranked player in the division before losing to former CNMI bet Chris Cajigan in the finals.

Before the playoff games, Race' wards were a force in the pool plays, beating players from host Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Meanwhile, other notable events last week were the 13th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament, the championship games in the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament, and the playoff matches in the 14 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League.

The DLX/IT&E caging was down to four teams with Gwap Gang, Ali'i, Flip Top, and Island Saipan surviving their respective playoff matches.

In the HANMI Golf Classic,

Gi Yeong Kim dethroned two-time champion Geon Ju Lee in the Championship Flight, while other top winners were A's Shi Feng Jin, B's Dong Young Lee, C's Sung Nam Park, Seniors' Toshiyuki Mo, and Ladies' Sherlyn Jones.

In the IT&E badminton tournament, Andreau Galvez and Hannah Choi extended their reign in the men's and women's Class A. Other singles champions were Class B's Ezekiel Macario and Toshiko Obata and Class B's Nicole Malasarte and Patrick Fernandez.

Other on-going competitions on Saipan continued with the M-League and the 2014 NMIFA Women's Spring League holding their games at the Oleai Sports Complex Field and the DL Corp. caging having its regular season matches at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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From left, Ami Tsukagoshi, Tania Tan, and Julia Ishikawa pose for a photo during a break in the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships held in Guam last week.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
ICS Shooters' Djay Ong is tightly guarded by Ali'i's Errol Paredo during their playoff game in the DLX/IT&E caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
I Love Saipan's Ben Pelisamen pulls up for a running jumper during their playoff game against Hite in the DLX/IT&E caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Shirley's FC's Alexa Vergara leads a breakaway during their game against Matansa FC in the 2014 NMIFA Women's League last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Patrick Fernandez returns to Raphael Zapanta during their men's C singles title game in the IT&E badminton tournament last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



ROBIE SCHORR, LEFT, AND KEN SONG  
Robbie Schorr, left, and Ken Song, pose for a photo after their title game in the boys U12 singles division of the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam last week.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Championship Flight winner Gi Yeong Kim, left, poses with Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa during the awards ceremony for the HANMI Golf Classic last week at the Pacific Islands Club.

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# CNMI sweeps U12; Tan triumphs



Members of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team pose with their medals during the awards ceremony for the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam last Saturday.

## Ali'i draws first blood in DLX semis

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Ali'i's Ivan Devero is seen here pulling up for the go-ahead basket in their 67-64 playoff win over the ICS Shooters in the DLX/IT&E caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. Ali'i extended its streak last Friday with a 69-50 victory over Flip Top at the start of the semis round.

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team brought home half of the championships medals in the singles division of the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships held in Guam last week.

The Commonwealth bets notched three out of the six singles titles at the conclusion of the regional tournament last Saturday with Robbie Schorr and Malika Miyawaki ruling the U12 singles division and Tania Tan prevailing in the girls U14 age group.

Schorr won the all-CNMI finals in the boys U12 division after outclassing Ken Song, 6-3, 6-0. The title victory was a big one for the 11-year-old Schorr, as he fell short in his bid last year when he bowed to fellow CNMI



player Michael Ren in the finals. Schorr advanced to the finals after eliminating CNMI teammate Aditya Rai in the semis, 6-1, 6-1, while Song defeated Guam's Andrew Leng in the other Final Four pairing, 6-4, 6-1. Leng latest downed Rai in the battle for third place, 6-2, 6-4.

In the girls U12, Miyawaki lorded it over in the all-CNMI playoff round. Miyawaki clinched the division singles tiara after a 6-4, 6-4 win against Conatsu Kaga. The victory was

a huge lift for Miyawaki after she finished only third last year. The newly crowned champion made it to the finals after downing teammate Asia Raulerson in the semis, 6-0, 6-1, while the runner-up Kaga ousted another CNMI player Jireh Warren, 6-2, 6-0. Raulerson rounded out the Top 3 after a 6-1, 7-6 (5) victory over Warren in the consolation match.

The girls U14 singles division was also a stamping ground for the Jeff Race-coached CNMI Team with Tan winning over three other teammates. Tan bagged the singles championship after a 7-5, 6-2 win over Julia Ishikawa in last Saturday's title game. Tan barged into the finals, following a shutout victory over Mimi Sakano, while Ishikawa took the other finals seat after a 6-1, 6-3 win over Ami Tsukagoshi. Tsukagoshi settled for a third-place finish.

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## Balotelli header lifts Italy past England



MANAUS, Brazil (AP)—The heat and humidity of the jungle made its mark on the first World Cup match to be played in the Amazon rainforest, and so did Mario Balotelli.

With players from both sides slowing as the game wore on, it was the man with the mohawk that headed in the deciding goal early in the second half to give Italy a 2-1 win over England and a decided advantage in Group D.

"We won, but now let's keep our feet on the ground, otherwise we're not going anywhere," said Balotelli, an often volatile and often brilliant striker who was nearly dropped from the starting lineup after struggling for AC Milan this season.

Balotelli was left unmarked at the far post in the 50th minute, giving him plenty of space to head a cross from Antonio Candreva past goalkeeper Joe Hart for the winning goal.

The match was played in the Amazonian city of Manaus, the most exotic of the 12 World Cup venues for this year's tournament. According to FIFA, it was 30 degrees C (86 degrees



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Italy's Mario Balotelli, left, challenges England's Gary Cahill for the ball during the group D World Cup soccer match between England and Italy at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil, Saturday, June 14, 2014.

F) with humidity at 61 percent for the match.

"At times it felt like having hallucinations due to the heat," Italy midfielder Claudio Marchisio said.

Marchisio gave the four-time champions the lead with a long shot through a crowded area and

past a diving Hart in the 35th minute. Daniel Sturridge equalized for England two minutes later, tapping in a cross from Wayne Rooney.

In the other Group D match, Costa Rica beat Uruguay 3-1. So both England and Uruguay, who meet Thursday, have plen-

ty of work to do to advance.

"We all need time to digest what happened on the field," England coach Roy Hodgson said. "My gut feeling is that we did very good things. There were some very good individual

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